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Senate's PA bill sets new conditions for ties

HILLEL KUTTNER
 WASHINGTON

THE Senate Foreign Relations Committee introduced a bill Friday setting conditions for the U.S. to continue its relations with the Palestinian Authority.

The bill was crafted to express Congress's dissatisfaction with the PA's compliance with the Oslo Accord and its expectation that its performance needs to improve, while still permitting US engagement with the Palestinians, Capitol Hill sources said.

The administration, Israeli Embassy officials and the Jewish and Arab communities are behind the current bill, sources said.

The bill was sponsored by committee chairman Senator Jesse Helms and Senator Claiborne Pell, the ranking Democrat on the committee.

One issue symbolizing Congress's skepticism with the PLO's role as a peace partner is the provision in the bill that the PA must take steps to alter the PLO covenant calling for Israel's destruction.

They must do so by presenting the changes either to the Palestinian National Council, or to the new Palestinian council within two months following elections.

It also seeks to ensure that US funds for the Palestinians - \$500 million over five years - are spent judiciously and are not diverted for political expenditures.

The Senate bill would cut off aid to the PA within six months unless the US certifies that steps to change the covenant are taken.

The bill leaves in place requirements that in order for US-PLO contacts to continue, the administration must certify every six months whether the PA is in compliance with the accord.

The bill has a life span of 18 months, after which it must again be considered for renewal.

It will be officially taken up in the Senate as part of the State Department authorization bill that is to be considered early this week.

The bill also incorporates the requirements of the PLO under the Oslo and Cairo accords, which were not contained in the original Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEFFA) that was enacted following the signing of the Declaration of Principles.

The bill, for example, requires that the PA confiscate unregistered weapons and bring to trial security suspects, and that the PA's record in such areas must be considered by the administration when evaluating the PA's compliance.

The president must now also certify that the PLO is preventing (Continued on Page 12)

Three killed in crash near Zichron

THREE people, including a two-year-old girl, died yesterday in a nighttime crash near Bat Shlomo, in the Zichron Ya'acov region. Five more were injured in the crash, which occurred when a car made a sudden turn and its driver lost control and crashed into another vehicle.

Daniel Efrimov, 40, the driver of the car, and Ya'acov Menahem, 24, of Karmiel, a passenger were killed, as was Carmel Shechrit, 2, of Herzliya. Shechrit's mother and sister were seriously injured.

Yesterday afternoon six people were hurt, one seriously, in an accident at the Ablin junction in western Galilee caused by a motorist making a short stop. Two motorcyclists were hurt, one near Tiberias and one in Herzliya, on Friday.

On Friday morning, Assya Ben-Elihu, 18, of Beit Arye in Samaria, died of injuries sustained the day before when he suddenly swerved to the left and smashed into a truck while driving near his home. Two passengers in his car suffered minor injuries. (Itm)



Settlers pray in front of a roadblock of burning tires on the road leading from Nablus to Jerusalem on Friday. Several main routes in the areas were blocked by settlers protesting the 'neglect of security' by the government. The sign in the hands of the settler (third from left) reads: 'Whoever controls the roads controls the territories.'

Settlers cause havoc on Samaria roads

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

HUNDREDS of settlers blocked the major roads in Samaria early Friday with burning tires and large rocks, and also scuffled with their Palestinian neighbors in a stone-throwing exchange.

The disruptive protests held up traffic for two hours on all the major roadways in Samaria.

While the demonstrations were taking place, doctors and nurses from the settlement of Karnei Shomron as well as Magen David Adom personnel delivered an Arab baby at the MDA station in Karnei Shomron, after the mother was delayed on her way to a Nablus hospital by the roadblocks.

Soldiers at the roadblock near Kedumim in northern Samaria called an ambulance, but ambulance driver Assaf Ashkenazi realized the birth was imminent and took the woman to the MDA station, where doctors from local settlements and Ashkenazi performed a difficult breech delivery. The baby was taken to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava after being resuscitated. The baby girl was the woman's first child; two previous babies were stillborn.

Settlers at Beit El, where Ohad Bachrach, one of the youths killed in Wadi Kelt, was buried on Wednesday, said the protests were held because they believed the government was neglecting their security during the negotiations on the expansion of Palestinian autonomy in Judea and Samaria.

"We are here to demonstrate that we are, heaven forbid, being abandoned," said Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Binyamin Regional Council.

Wallerstein said settlers threw stones at Palestinians only after the Arab residents began pelting them with stones.

Army Radio said the Beit El protests escalated when settlers began throwing stones and sharp objects at the houses of Arab residents in the area. The radio report said one settler shot live bullets at Palestinian residents, but no one was hurt.

In addition, settlers there blocked the roads with large rocks and burning objects, and scuffled with police before order was restored in the area.

Police arrested 13 Jewish settlers blocking a road near Kedumim, after they scuffled with security forces trying to disperse the dozens blocking the road there, police spokesman Boaz Goldberg said.

Goldberg said one settler was injured in scuffles with police. His condition was not known.

The road obstructions lasted about two hours before settlers dispersed and traffic order was restored.

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Egyptians in Denmark held on terror charges

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) -

Two Egyptians living in Denmark have been charged with planning bomb attacks against train stations and Jewish targets in Copenhagen, the Danish news agency Ritzau reported yesterday.

It said the charge sheet signed by Danish state prosecutor Peter Broendt Joergensen identified the men as Mohammed Abdel Halim Mohammed Fahim, 43, a Danish citizen, and Abdel-Hakem Mohammed Ata Soliman, 37, an asylum seeker.

A third Egyptian, asylum seeker Mohammed Shaaban Mohammed Hassanein, 31, was charged with arson and with writing and distributing material urging violence and terrorist activities.

Fahim and Soliman were identified as members of Gama'a al-Islamiya, an extreme Muslim fundamentalist organization which has carried out bomb attacks in Egypt.

All three men were charged with one case of arson in Aarhus, Denmark's second-largest city. Arson carries a maximum penalty of six years in jail.

Fahim and Soliman were charged with buying chemicals with the intent of making explosives and launching terrorist bomb attacks in Copenhagen.

Various train stations, a Jewish cemetery and the Israeli Embassy were among possible targets marked on a city map seized in one of the men's apartments, according to the indictment.

In the Danish case, Fahim, Soliman and Hassanein were arrested in Aarhus in November 1993 on suspicions of arson and planning terrorist acts in Denmark.

They were held in custody until April last year, when a regional court ordered their release.

Danish police said at the time they found US telephone numbers and addresses that were interesting in connection with the conspiracy behind the World Trade Center bombing.

Suspicious of a possible link between the men and the New York plot have been investigated by Danish security police in a separate probe but has not resulted in any charges.

Bosnian Serbs ignore waffling West

News agencies

SARAJEVO

BOSNIAN Serbs renewed their assault on the eastern enclave of Zepa yesterday, a day after the West issued ambiguous warnings for the Serbs to halt their attacks on UN "safe areas." Desperate defenders of the towering Moslem enclave threatened peacekeepers unless the United Nations helps negotiate an end to the siege.

But Serbs blocked a UN liaison team from reaching Zepa, rejecting talks until government troops surrender unconditionally.

The Serbs also kept up sporadic shelling of Sarajevo, firing several artillery rounds into the city center yesterday. Four were killed and seven wounded by a rocket the previous night.

Bosnian Serbs targeted Zepa with tank and mortar fire, but government troops were still defending the enclave, which has been on the verge of collapse for several days.

"It seems there is a significant

battle west of the town itself, with reports of tank and mortar fire, and there may be some infantry movement," said UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko in Sarajevo.

"There is something important going on to the west, but whether this is the final push or not is not clear," he said.

A flurry of diplomatic activity in the past week had little effect on the ground, with Serb forces ignoring a vaguely worded warning from Western governments to cease attacks on so-called "safe areas."

A 16-nation conference in London on Friday threatened action, possibly including NATO air strikes, if the Bosnian Serbs moved in on the UN "safe area" of Gorazde.

But Western allies made no mention of Zepa or of the northwestern Bihać pocket, where Serb forces from Croatia have launched an offensive.

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Israel agrees to PA civilian police along Green Line

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAEL is planning to allow the Palestinian Authority to post its civilian "blue" police in every one of the 460 Arab villages in the territories, including those just outside the Jerusalem municipal boundary and along the Green Line, two senior Israeli sources told The Jerusalem Post over the weekend.

"We will allow the Palestinians to put blue police in all the 460 villages," a senior Israeli official said. "The blue police will ensure that Palestinians in these villages will provide law enforcement for the administrative autonomy granted for these villages. They will deal only with such issues as burglaries and the like."

Such a move would completely contravene Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's promise to the Labor Party faction just a couple of weeks ago that Israel will not allow blue police to be posted in the Jerusalem area, along the Green Line or in the Jordan Valley.

Meanwhile, officials in the Prime Minister's Office said that the redeployment negotiations will move today from Zichron Ya'acov to the Dead Sea region's Lot Hotel. Rabin held consultations at his home last night with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and other senior officials on the status of the talks.

Aides to Rabin said the Tuesday target date for wrapping up the negotiations apparently will not be met.

While aides to Arafat reportedly said that a summit between the PLO leader and Rabin has already been scheduled to resolve final issues, an aide to Rabin said last night, "A summit between the two comes just at the end, but we are not there yet."

Ahmed Oreia, the chief Palestinian negotiator in the second-stage talks, was quoted in Al-Quds yesterday as saying that he doubted an agreement could be reached by July 25, largely because of the impasse on water.

Israel and the Palestinians have already agreed that the IDF will retain overriding security authority - in order to foil terrorism - for all Arab villages at least until mid-1997.

The Jerusalem area, Green Line and Jordan Valley are zones that Rabin has made clear he wants Israel to claim in negotiations for the final disposition of territories, scheduled to begin next May and conclude by May 1999.

But observers believe that once Palestinian civilian police are posted all over the territories, it will be harder for Israel to carve out settlement blocs as part of a territorial compromise.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office refused last night to confirm or deny the story.

The two senior sources also confirmed that Israel will trade Palestinian willingness to defer the sensitive issue of water rights in the territories to final status talks and for a specific amount of Israeli-drawn water in the territories. It is unclear whether the Palestinians and Israelis have agreed upon an amount that Israel would transfer.

At the same time, Israel wants the means to verify that Palestinians are not doing extra drilling in the Kalkiya and Tulkarm area where the Yarkon-Taninim aquifer is located, nor in the Jenin area, where the Gilboa aquifer is located.

Just earlier last week, Peres said that the Palestinians will gain new levels of water, but denied that it will come at Israel's expense. It is estimated that Israel draws 490 million cubic meters of water from aquifers in the territories while the Palestinians draw no more than 110 million cubic meters.

It remains unclear how much water Israel will provide the Palestinians and also where it will obtain water to make up for the shortfall. It is believed that desalinating water would cost about NIS 2.25 per cubic meter, while water from aquifers costs about 18 agorot per cubic meter.

There were also reports over the weekend that the Palestinians were insisting on compensation for the water deal that Israel struck with Jordan as part of the peace treaty between the two countries last year.

Another sticking point in the negotiations is registry of public lands in rural areas. Israel has insisted that the whole issue of these lands be deferred to final-status talks, saying this constitutes part of the essence of such negotiations down the road.

But the Palestinians want to take over the registry now, making some Israelis wonder whether their plan is to build Palestinian housing all along the Green Line, thereby further complicating the possibility of territorial compromise later.

Meanwhile, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) the overall chief Palestinian negotiator who has kept his distance from the talks because of differences with Arafat over the Gaza-Jericho agreement, is to go to Ramallah today to take up residence and open a new office, Palestinian sources said.

Abbas left Tunis for Gaza 10 days ago and has been in close touch with Arafat. By settling in Ramallah - where support for Arafat is low but Abbas has support - he could build an internal power base and show how he can help increase support for the Palestinian Authority.

Jon Immanuel contributed to this report.

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Likud mobilizes for Golan bill vote

THE opposition is mobilizing all its MKs for the vote on a preliminary reading of the bill reinforcing the Golan Law, scheduled for this Wednesday.

Likud Chairman MK Binyamin Netanyahu sent all Likud MKs letters over the weekend demanding their presence during the entire debate on the bill, which specifies that a majority of 70 MKs be required for returning any part of the Golan to Syria as part of a peace agreement.

Labor MK Avigdor Kahalani, who initiated the bill, is also demanding that if a public referendum is held, at least 50% of eligible voters approve any territorial compromise.

Kahalani told Army Radio yesterday that even if the government decided to turn the vote into a confidence vote, he would

MICHAEL YUDELMAN and Itim

vote against the government, even if it means being expelled from the Labor Party and being forced to withdraw from public life.

"I am not voting against the government, but for the law," he said, adding he was fully aware of the political consequences of doing so.

"If we save the Golan Heights, then in the next 50 years at least I feel I earned my living," he said.

Kahalani said it had not yet been decided if The Third Way movement, of which he is a leader, would become a political party and run in the next elections.

But Kahalani's co-sponsor of the bill, Ya'acov Shafir, said that if the vote is declared a confidence vote in the government, he

would not jeopardize the government by voting against it.

Opposition coordinator MK Tzahi Hanegbi said yesterday that the opposition is preparing for the possibility that the government will back down on its agreement to debate the Golan Law at the last moment.

If the government tries "to pull this trick," Hanegbi said, the opposition will present three almost identical bills to the Knesset, formulated respectively by Hanegbi, Tsomet and MK Esther Salmo-vitz, of Yit'ud.

Labor has instructed all its MKs to vote against reinforcing the Golan Law.

The party leadership has still not decided what sanctions, if any, should be imposed on any MK who violates party discipline in the vote.

Netanyahu ahead of Rabin in poll

IF national elections for premier were held now, Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu would get more votes than Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a published poll indicated Friday.

In the poll published in *Ma'ariv*, 24 percent of those surveyed said they would choose Netanyahu for prime minister if elections were held today. Eighteen percent said they would choose Rabin.

Next was Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who received the support of 8 percent of those questioned. The poll, which questioned 500 Jewish adults, ask respondents to choose among 10 different theoretical candidates, including Rafael Eitan, Haim Ramon, Dan Meridor and Benny Begin. It was conducted by the Mutagim Institute, and has a 4.5 percent margin of error.

Settlers, army face off outside Efrat

ABOUT 100 Jewish settlers spent Shabbat under the gaze of military police at the new unauthorized encampment north of Efrat, erected to protect state lands that had been designated for the town's expansion.

The settlers, most of them Efrat residents, slept in tents and prayed and ate in a makeshift dining hall made of canvas and steel frames. They were joined by 100 visitors who walked about two kilometers north from Efrat.

Near the encampment on a hill called Givat Dagan, about 40 military police kept guard. Next to

STEVE RODAN

them were about 20 Jewish and Arab protesters who quietly held placards. No confrontations were reported.

"We are here to stay," said Nadia Matar, an organizer of the encampment. "We have to guard this land. If we're not here then the Palestinians will come soon and take over."

Matar appealed for volunteers to remain at the site overnight. She said the settlers would soon establish an encampment at nearby Givat Hatamar, which the

government at first approved for Efrat's expansion, only to rescind the approval in the face of Arab protest. Rabin said then that he would allow construction at Givat Hazayit, which is closer to Efrat.

Givat Dagan is the northernmost hill in Efrat's master plan and overlooks the Arab village of Arias, near Solomon's Pools.

Settlers said they had received assurances on Friday that the army would not evacuate them during Shabbat.

They said the army might receive an order to clear them out by today.

IDF detains three American activists

THREE American tourists and one Israeli were detained yesterday after they defied army orders and forced open the closed gates of the Islamic College in Hebron.

A colleague of the three Americans said IDF soldiers handed them over to police, who arrested them on suspicion they had refused to leave a closed military zone.

An Israeli with them was also detained, he said.

The Americans are part of the Chicago-based Christian Peace Maker Teams and said they have been in Hebron for the past six weeks to act as observers.

Last week, two of them were detained for several hours for

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calling IDF soldiers Nazis.

Yesterday, the group decided to force open the gates to the college, which had been welded shut in 1988 following violent demonstrations there. Its 1,500 students have since entered the college through smaller openings or by scaling the gate.

One of those arrested said they succeeded in opening the pedestrian gate to the college and were prying open the vehicle gate when troops arrived.

The soldiers informed them they were in a closed military area and detained the US citizens when they refused to leave, he

said.

Police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said about 40 people, mostly Palestinians, had tried to force open the gates but most dispersed when told it was a closed military zone.

"Four people, including three Americans, refused to leave and were detained," Bar-Chen said, adding that they would probably be released after a few hours of questioning.

Police said the four had refused to post bond or be fingerprinted.

The only man in the group was taken to the Russian Compound jail in Jerusalem, while the three women arrested were taken to the Abu Kabir lock-up.

PA releases seven PFLP activists

THE Palestinian Authority yesterday released seven activists of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who were arrested in connection with the slayings of Ohad Bachrach and Ori Shohor in Wadi Kelt last Tuesday, members of the group said.

Younis Jarou, a senior PFLP leader in the Gaza Strip, said the activists, who were arrested Friday, were released without questioning.

"The police took them, put them in jail for a day and then freed them without asking them a single question," said Jarou. He said six other activists remain in jail.

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The men were arrested four days after Bachrach, 18, and Shohor, 19, were found dead. An anonymous caller to The Associated Press said that the killings were the work of the PFLP, but the claim has not been verified.

Jarou said that the arrest of PFLP members in Gaza was unjustified because the group's activists in the Strip were not involved.

PFLP activists released a handbill Friday stating it would not honor the agreement it had reached with the PA and the Fatah to unite with them in elections against Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

"We are violating our agreement with the PA because it has become the servant of the Zionist enemy, Israel," the handbill read. "The arrest of our people proves this. We have not promised to halt the attacks against Israel, but rather promised not to attack Israeli targets in the Gaza area."

The handbill gave Arafat an ultimatum:

"If the PA wants peace in Gaza, it had better release our people immediately." Palestinian sources said the PFLP had told its members that if its people were not freed in the next few days, it would allow them to attack Israeli settlers in Gaza.

Treasury wants budget surplus to cover upcoming expenses

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Treasury will ask the cabinet today to approve the use of NIS 1.25 billion in unspent 1994 funds to cover this year's unbudgeted expenditures.

Finance Ministry budget director Ron Krol said the 1995 budget reserves are unable to meet existing budget obligations.

He added that the NIS 1.25b. will

go to fund the redeployment of the IDF in the territories; support payments to health funds; grants as required by the Capital Investment Encouragement Law; grants to local authorities; army pensions; agricultural subsidies; pay hikes for judges and for those whose salaries are linked to those of judges; and the recovery program for the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Protest rally held near Orient House

HUNDREDS of right-wing demonstrators prayed opposite Orient House last night, then held a protest rally demanding the closure of the building.

The demonstrators arrived shortly after 6 p.m., and began praying. An hour later, most of

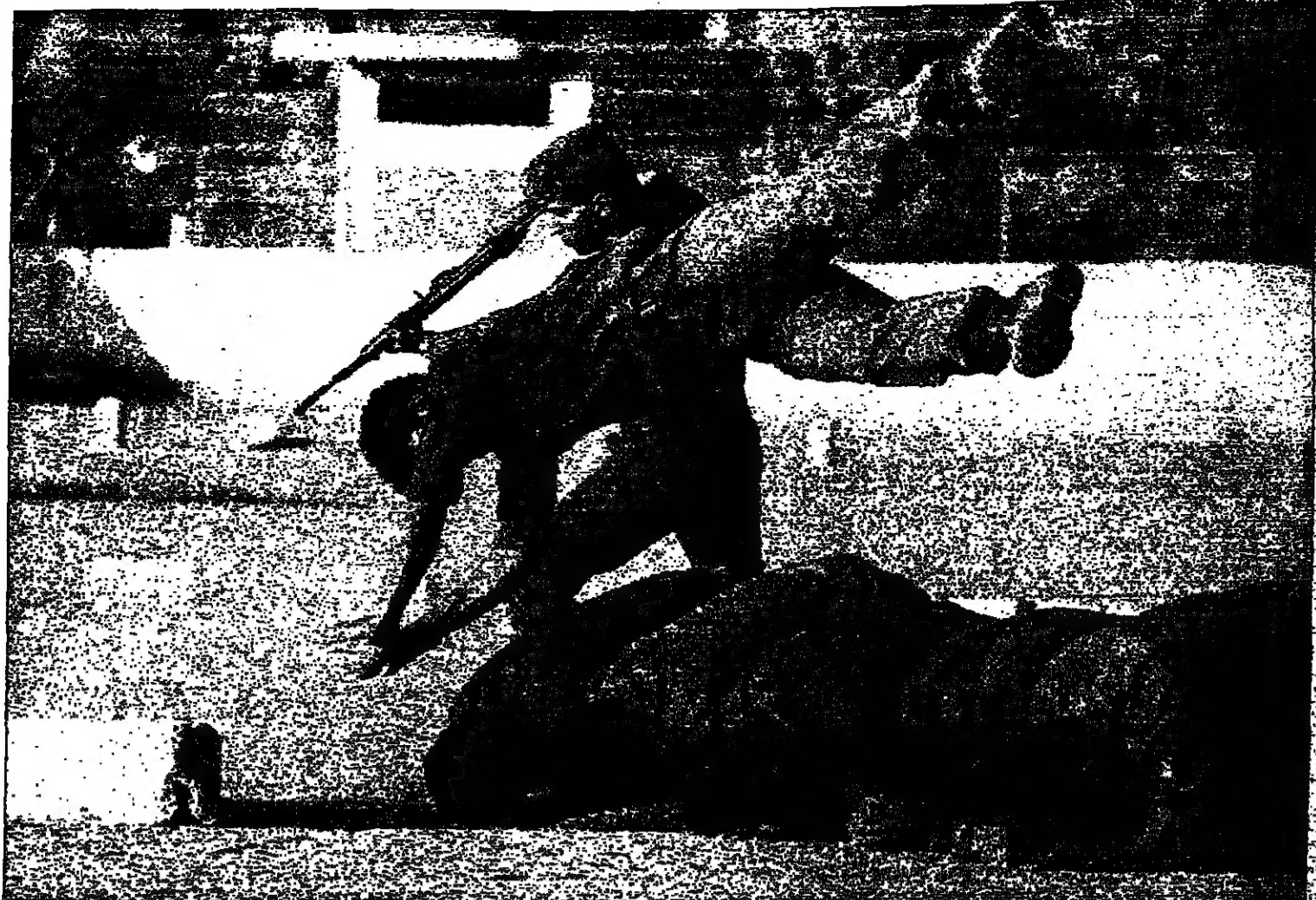
them left, but some stayed for the protest rally. During the rally, police arrested a Kach activist suspected of spraying tear gas at the owner of a nearby store. Kach supporters said the storeowner had attacked the youth first.

Settlers meet Goldfarb about moving inside Green Line

THIRTY residents of Karnei Shomron met Friday afternoon with Deputy Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb, to investigate the possibility of receiving financial aid to move back inside the Green Line.

Several representatives of the Settlers for Withdrawal organization, and a representative of Peace Now, which is linked to the group, participated in the meeting.

Some 20 other residents of the settlement demonstrated nearby against the meeting, after having tried to prevent Goldfarb from coming by blocking the road. After the meeting, there was a scuffle between the two groups. (Itim)



A Palestinian security trainer fires his AK-47 rifle, as a security agent jumps four people in a graduation exercise in Jericho on Friday. The Palestinian Authority graduated 125 security guards for service in the territories after IDF forces redeploy. (Reuters/Khaled Zgahli)

Washington: Assad is stalling because he thinks Rabin can't move on two tracks

HILLEL KUTTNER
WASHINGTON

THE US believes that progress on the redeployment accord is affecting Israeli-Syrian talks "very negatively" because Syrian President Hafez Assad is "persuaded Rabin can't move ahead on two tracks at the same time," a senior US official said Friday.

He also said the talks may have stalled because "the Syrians may feel they are not getting anything out of these negotiations." But there is "no point to try to assess motives" on Assad's part, the official stated.

The Syrians "just have to understand" that they "can't hold negotiations hostage to one issue you don't like," he said, of Damascus' decision last week that the scheduled security talks would not resume until agreement was reached on early-warning stations.

"We simply have to hold them to their commitments. While they may hold to their positions, they can't negotiate. You just can't say it's not negotiable."

Meanwhile, the delay in reaching an Israel-Palestinian redeployment accord means the postponement of Tuesday's planned meeting here of

international donors to the Palestinian cause, the official said.

Nevertheless, the US stands ready to host both the accord signing and the donors meeting, he said.

"You can't have a donors conference without a signing," the official said.

The US hopes to assemble some of the more than 40 countries that in 1993 pledged over \$2 billion to the Palestinians for infrastructure needs, in order to reiterate the importance of delivering on those pledges.

Nablus: Fatah hub of the North

BEFORE THE REDEPLOYMENT

JON IMMANUEL

OF the four Palestinian towns from which the IDF is soon to withdraw, Nablus presents the most security problems, security sources say.

Within and close to the city limits there are more than 100,000 people, three military bases, two prisons, four refugee camps and a yeshiva. Four settlements are within five kilometers - two within two km. - all populated by Gush Emunim hard-liners.

For the Palestinians, as for the settlers, Nablus's importance is that it sits on the main road through central Samaria. Redevelopment in Nablus connects the town with its satellites Jenin, Tulkarm and Kalkilya in a semi-circle covering 800 sq. km.

Fatah politics in Nablus is volatile. The Preventive Security Apparatus is not well entrenched. Its commander will either be veteran security enforcer Isam Abu Bakr or the more polished Sameh Kan'an, a negotiator in Washington who returned from a security training course in Philadelphia 10 days ago.

Although they have not shot at each other, as in Tulkarm, the Preventive Security force, headed by Col. Jibril Rajoub in Jericho, and Force 17, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's personal security force, are in competition. Some leading Nablus PLO supporters say Force 17 is stronger. On Friday Faisal Abu Sharek, deputy Force 17 commander, visited the city.

Nablus resents attempts by the Palestinian Authority to downgrade its influence. The Nablus district has been shorn of Tubas in the north and Salfit in the south in the new Palestinian election maps. This is clearly designed to reduce the number of Nablus notables who may be elected to the Palestinian council.

Nablus's Juneid Prison is the headquarters of the prisoners' movement, and any delay in re-

leasing a promised 1,000 inmates is likely to spark demonstrations here against the PA as well as Israel.

Three students were shot dead by soldiers in a clash last month during a pro-prisoner march from An-Najah University, the largest Palestinian university with 5,300 students. The student union of what is called "The National" University is now headed by Hamas for the first time.

Hamas, though not a large group in Nablus, is a more assertive force in the city than in Jenin, Tulkarm and Kalkilya. Several leading activists have been jailed since the October suicide bombing of a Tel Aviv bus.

Joseph's Tomb, near the Balata refugee camp, where a yeshiva was established, will have the same status as the Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho, which is guarded by Palestinian Police with right of access to Jews. Two settlements, Bracha and Eilon Moreh, are on hillsides accessed through roads which pass close to the city.

Benny Katzover, a leading Gush Emunim official from Eilon Moreh, has warned that settlers will not submit to the authority of the Palestinian Police.

Ghassan Shakaa was appointed mayor by Arafat, so continuity in the municipal government can be expected. Shakaa is in frequent direct contact with Arafat in Gaza. He has denied reports that he runs a police force trained in combat techniques, saying his 75 uniformed municipal inspectors were trained in Jericho to inspect stores. The civil administration agrees but asserts their presence is illegal in any case.

Nablus is not a major agricultural area nor does it sit on any major water source, but sewage is an important issue as it currently flows downhill to Netanya. Projects for sewage treatment could be hampered now.

Husseini: Open borders could end Israel's 'superpower' position

AMMAN (AP) - Arab states should consider open borders and trade with Israel as a way of lessening its influence in the Middle East, a Palestinian official said yesterday.

Faisal Husseini, the leading PLO official in Jerusalem, brushed aside concerns that Israel's rapidly growing economy could dominate the less developed countries of the region.

"He said the answer to those concerns is better Arab cooperation within the framework of 'economic interaction and open borders.'"

"If there was enough coordination between Arab sides... the Israelis could turn into an influential minority rather than a regional superpower," Husseini said.

Jordan's debt relief set

HILLEL KUTTNER
WASHINGTON

THE last congressional hurdle to Jordanian debt relief was cleared Friday morning with the Senate's passage by 90-7 of a \$16.6 billion deficit-cutting bill.

The vote had been delayed since late June, due to the objections of Democratic Senators Paul Wellstone and Carol Moseley-Braun over cuts in education and in assistance for the heating bills of low-income citizens.

But their amendments were finally considered Friday and then defeated, thus clearing the way toward a final vote on the rescissions bill.

The House passed a similar bill late last month. Both versions would wipe out the final \$275 million of Jordan's outstanding debt to the US.

"The end result for us is that debt relief is done, as far as Congress is

concerned," said Ramla Atalla, spokeswoman for the Jordan Information Bureau, an arm of the embassy. "We're satisfied this has finally passed, and we understand the delay was not related to Jordan but to domestic issues."

Atalla also said, "We hope it's the beginning of a process that will continue with the international community [and] will have a 'positive influence' on relief for the remainder of Jordan's \$6 billion international debt, mostly to Europe."

Tuesday is the first anniversary of the signing here by Israel and Jordan of the Washington Declaration. It was in the period leading up to that event that Clinton promised King Hussein that the US would write off Jordan's debt.

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Low turnout forecast in Japan poll

TOKYO (AP) — With fluttering banners and loudspeaker appeals, candidates made final campaign pitches yesterday to an electorate that by its own account is fed up and bored with politics.

Dozens of white-gloved candidates blasted brief sound bites from cars and stoop atop the roofs of campaign trucks as they drove through the sprawling city.

In today's voting, 126 of the 252 seats in Parliament's upper house are up for grabs.

It's the first nationwide referendum since Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama's coalition government took office a year ago.

But record low turnouts have been predicted — perhaps under 50 percent — and newspaper polls indicate that about half the voters do not have allegiance to any party.

It's an election in which it may be hard to tell the winners from the losers. Murayama's Socialists are expected to take a bad beating, but that doesn't necessarily mean he'll have to step down.

Many in the ruling coalition want the 71-year-old prime minister to stay on even in the face of big losses, because he has no clear successor in the largest coalition partner, the conservative Liberal Democratic Party.

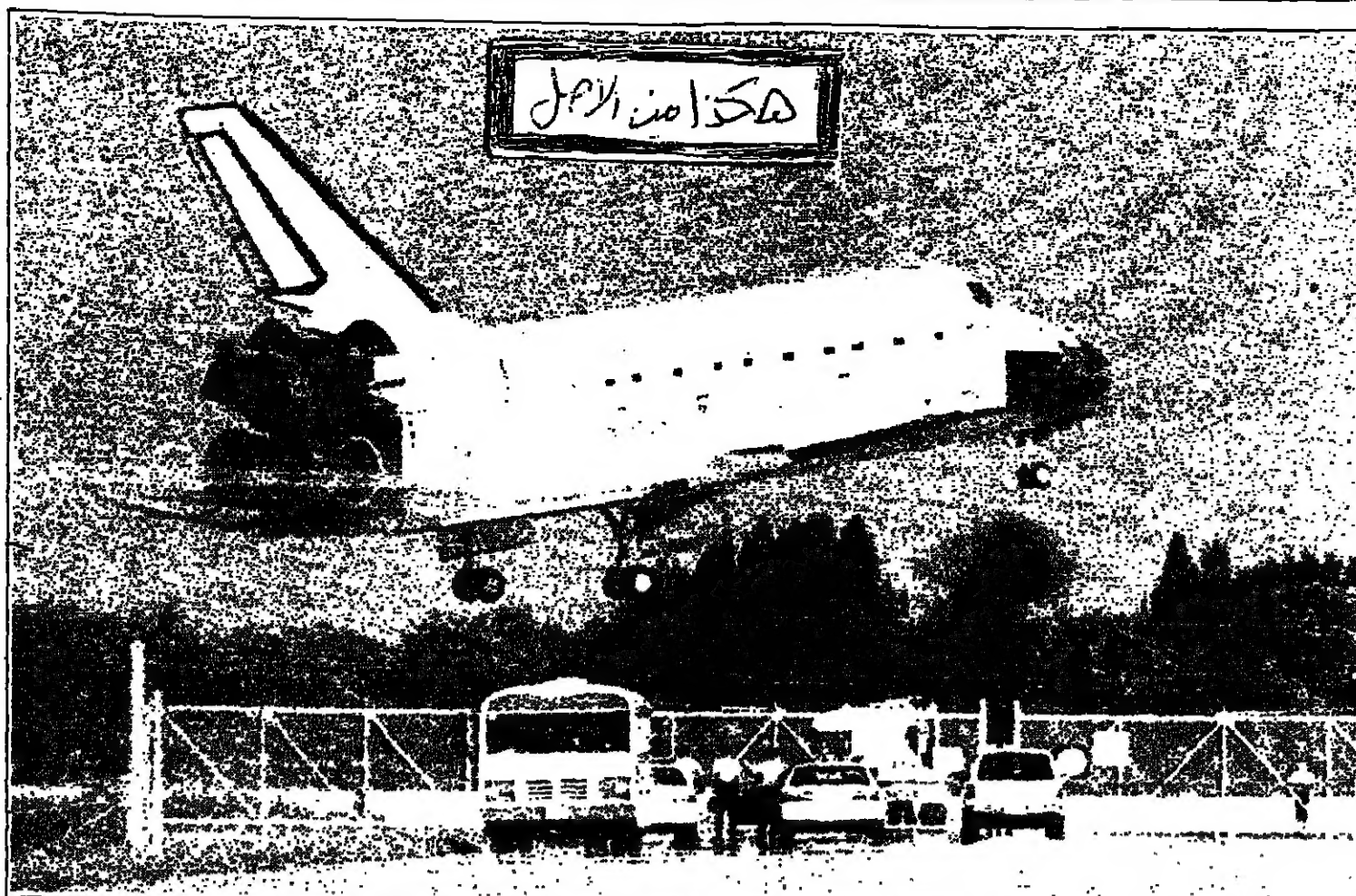
The voter apathy greeting this election is a far cry from attitudes two years ago, when voters angry with Japan's corrupt politics turned out the Liberal Democrats, after four decades.

The party was stung by that rebuke, but has nearly made its way back. It is the dominant partner in the coalition, and is expected to be able to keep calling the shots while continuing to share power with a few smaller parties.

"Please understand that the LDP is the party that was able to bring and hold the coalition together. Vote for the strong LDP," urged party head Yohsei Kono.

The remnants of 30 Japanese soldiers and officers who died in Soviet captivity after World War II will be flown home tomorrow, Russia's news agency reported.

ITAR-Tass said the prisoners' bodies initially were buried near Kuldur, in the Birobidzhan region of the Russian Far East.



Space Shuttle 'Discovery' glides past onlookers before touching down at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida yesterday. The shuttle, with five astronauts aboard, returned to Earth a day late after fears of poor visibility delayed the landing. (AP)

Shuttle 'Discovery' lands in Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and its five astronauts returned to Earth yesterday following a satellite-delivery and science mission prolonged by bad weather.

Discovery glided through a hazy sky and landed shortly after 8 a.m. at the Kennedy Space Center.

The spaceship almost ended up some 3,600 km away.

Although the weather was fine at the seaside landing strip early yesterday, Mission Control worried that high humidity might result in fog and low clouds similar to what scuttled Friday's landing attempt. Flight directors ordered commander Terence "Tom" Henricks to skip a sunrise touchdown.

As Discovery circled Earth once more, the weather remained favorable and Mission Control told the astronauts to come home and end their 5.9-million-km journey.

"It's good to be back," Henricks said after the shuttle rolled to a neat stop on the concrete runway. "Looks like a nice morning here."

NASA was determined to bring Discovery back yesterday, either at Kennedy or Edwards Air Force Base in California. The space agency prefers Kennedy for landings because it costs about \$1 million to ferry shuttles from California to Florida.

Discovery was launched from Kennedy on July 13, more than a month late because of a pair of woodpeckers that drilled some 200 holes into the insulating foam of the fuel tank.

Within six hours of liftoff, Henricks and his crew had completed their main job by releasing a \$330 million communications satellite.

The Tracking and Data Relay Satellite was later boosted by an attached rocket motor into a 35,680-km-high orbit. It joins a network of NASA satellites that link ground controllers with shuttles and science satellites.

After dispatching the TDRS, the astronauts spent a week on medical and military experiments.

Also along for the ride was a creepy, crawling cargo of pregnant rats, fish embryos and tobacco worms that grew into space moths during the voyage. The creatures are subjects in reproductive and developmental studies.

The flight was a milestone in the transition from the historic Mission Control Center, a room made even more famous by Hollywood in the hit film "Apollo 13," to a \$250 million control center.

Ground controllers worked for the first time out of the sleek, new room. Officials said the switch went smoothly.

Discovery took off six days after Atlantis returned from visiting the Russian Mir space station.

Shuttle Endeavour is poised for launch Aug. 5 on a science mission, but that could be delayed following a booster problem on Atlantis last month.

Hot gas from burning rocket fuel penetrated up to a primary O-ring, or seal, in a nozzle joint of Atlantis' left solid-fuel rocket booster during liftoff June 27.

A leak in a different booster joint caused Challenger to explode shortly after liftoff in 1986, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

Chechen peace talks stall over official's remark

News agencies
GROZNY

PEACE talks between Russia and separatist Chechens stalled yesterday after a controversial negotiator by a senior Moscow negotiator on the painful issue of the future status of the rebel region.

The Chechens, who seek independence from Moscow, were outraged by media reports which quoted Alexander Volsky as saying on Friday that the North Caucasus region would remain part of Russia whatever the deal on its status would be.

"We spent the whole day discussing distorted media reports," the head of the Russian negotiating team Vyacheslav Mikhailov told reporters after the day of talks.

He said the Russian media had misrepresented Volsky's remark — he replied to a question on whether Chechnya would stay in Russia saying "Where else would it go?" — in a wrong context.

The quote angered the Chechen side, which is trying to win some kind of independence.

"Such a crude answer shows, in my opinion, disrespect for the Chechen delegation and for the results achieved by peaceful diplomatic means," the chief Chechen negotiator, Usman Imaev, said yesterday.

Talks continued, however, and Imaev said individual statements should not be allowed to disappoint "people throughout Chechnya (who) have been alerted to celebrate the signing of a political document," the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying.

Imaev and his Russian counterpart, Vyacheslav Mikhailov, had both reported important progress before yesterday's talks, and said a final political accord could be signed later in the day.

The question of Chechnya's

political status has been the chief stumbling block in weeks of talks to end the seven-month war in the breakaway republic.

Russia's NTV television network reported that President Boris Yeltsin was unhappy with the latest Russian position on Chechnya's status and ordered yesterday that it be "made tougher." No details were reported.

The separatists want Moscow to recognize their independence, declared in 1991. Russia insists that Chechnya remain part of the Russian Federation, but concedes that the question may be put aside until after elections and a referendum on a Chechen constitution, planned for the fall.

It remains unclear how agreement could be reached under both constitutions. Some Russian reports have suggested that Chechnya will be allowed to call itself independent while remaining de facto in Russia.

The Chechens have previously opposed any mention of the Russian Constitution in agreements.

"Talks are going normally," Volsky told the ITAR-Tass news agency after a closed-door session adjourned last night. He said negotiators had been instructed to make no public statements because the press "distorted information on the course of talks."

Negotiations were to resume today.

Yeltsin sent thousands of troops into Chechnya in December to end the southern republic's independence drive. Thousands of people have been killed.

Despite a truce announced last month, sporadic fighting continues.

Rebels attacked federal troops' outposts in Grozny, overnight. Two rebel fighters were killed, Interfax said.

India resumes efforts to free hostages in Kashmir

SRINAGAR (Reuters) — Indian officials and diplomats resumed efforts yesterday to win the release of five Western tourists held hostage by Kashmir militants.

The condition of the five hostages, who have been held for 18 days by the Al-Faran group in Himalayan hideouts, was still unclear after the separatists claimed two of the tourists were hurt in a gun battle between Indian troops and the terrorists on Friday. Indian officials have denied the claim.

Al-Faran had said it was no longer in contact with Indian officials, but government sources said telephone contact had resumed.

Government sources also said Western diplomats were trying to use their contacts in neighbouring Pakistan to persuade the group to free the captives.

India says the insurgency it has fanned in Kashmir since 1990 is fanned and financed by Pakistan, with whom it has fought two wars over the region.

Muslim Pakistan denies it arms the militants and says it only gives moral and diplomatic support to mainly Hindu India's only Muslim-majority province.

Referring to the alleged encounter between Indian troops and the militants, a spokesman for the state government of Jammu and Kashmir said: "There was no such incident. There was no encounter."

"This is a game where they like the media to play up," the spokesman told Reuters.

Al-Faran said two Indian soldiers died in the clash.

American Donald Hutchings, German Dirk Hasert, Norwegian Hans Ostro and Britons Paul Wells and Keith Mangan were taken near Pahalgam, 90 km (55 miles) from Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, in three separate incidents.

Al-Faran has threatened to kill the tourists if India does not free 20 guerrillas in exchange for their captives.

India has repeatedly appealed to the captors to release the hostages on humanitarian grounds, but officials say it will not bargain away guerrillas to free the captives.

Al-Faran has also disowned a statement faxed to an international news agency in New Delhi that said killing the hostages could be justified under Islamic teachings. It accused India of misleading the media.

Adding to the troubled region's woes, a fresh bomb blast near Srinagar killed five people and injured 10 yesterday, a day after sixteen died in a blast at Jammu, the winter capital.

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French Prime Minister Alain Juppe seemed unsure that Western threats would be backed up with action.

"We will now see if there is a follow-through to London — whether it will be limited to yet another warning without effect or whether the clear message sent to the Serbs will really be put into practice," he told reporters in Paris.

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic expressed disgust at the London meeting, castigating the conclusion as "another half measure, another consensus, another collective fig leaf."

"I'm afraid this will be interpreted by the Serb terrorists as a green light burning for them to attack Bihac, Sarajevo, Tuzla and go into Zepa and so on," Silajdzic said.

Sarajevo, Tuzla, Bihac, Zepa and Gorazde are the five remaining UN "safe areas" in Bosnia following the Serb seizure of Srebrenica 10 days ago.

The London conference was convened after the fall of Srebrenica 10 days ago, a fall which represented a humiliating blow for Western governments and the UN mission.

Russia said it was opposed to Western military involvement, and it was still unclear whether the US and its key allies would take action against Moscow's wishes.

BOSNIAN

Islamic countries served notice yesterday that they regard the UN arms embargo against Bosnia as illegal, raising the prospect that some might begin openly aiding the Muslim-led army in its fight against Serbs.

Key foreign ministers from the 52-country Organization of the Islamic Conference also said they would be watching NATO countries closely to see if they live up to commitments made in London to protect Bosnia.

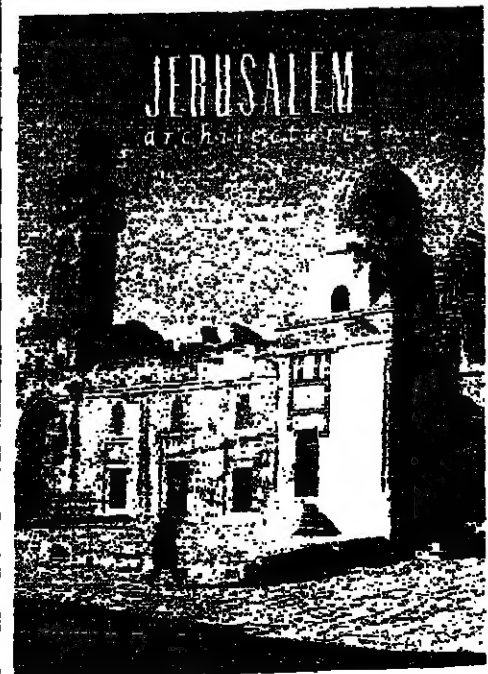
The Islamic conference has long demanded the arms embargo be lifted on the grounds that it denies Bosnia — a UN member — the right to defend itself against aggression.

Some members, notably Iran, reportedly have been violating the embargo for some time, but the statement adopted in Geneva appeared to lay the legal groundwork for countries to ignore the ban openly.

Bosnian Foreign Minister Mohammed Sacirbey said during a break from meeting with the ministers that he had received specific commitments from some countries that they would provide arms to the Bosnian government, but he refused to elaborate.

"The message is clear that they and we feel there is no impediment to weapons being provided to our country in self-defense," Sacirbey said.

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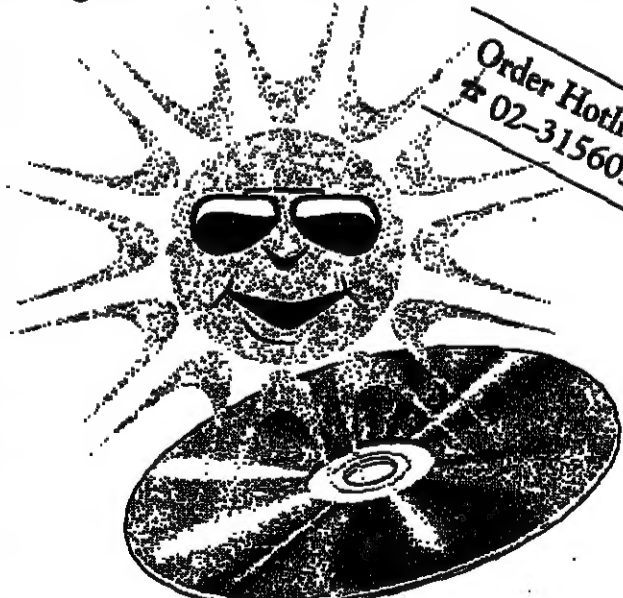
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Sri Lanka confirms 160 died in blast

COLOMBO (Reuters) — The Sri Lankan military confirmed yesterday that 130 civilians and 30 Tamil rebels were killed in a blast in an explosives-laden truck in the northern Jaffna peninsula.

"My source is our intelligence," military spokesman Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe told a news conference in Colombo.

There had until now been no official confirmation of reports that the truck had exploded at Kokuvil on July 12, and the casualties are still the subject of debate.

The explosion occurred when Sri Lankan troops were advancing on territory held by rebels of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) who are fighting for a

homeland in the north and east. "The LTTE has now cordoned off the area to the public," Munasinghe added.

The deaths are among the highest for civilians since Operation Leap Forward was launched in the peninsula on July 9.

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Athens forest fire 'a biblical disaster'

ATHENS (Reuters) - Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu said yesterday Athens' northern suburbs were faced with a major disaster as forest fires raged for the second day gutting homes and forcing the evacuation of thousands of people.

"It is a biblical, disastrous fire with a 20 km front and the weather is against us," a disappointed Papandreu told reporters after a cabinet meeting. "We had hoped that the strong winds would die down but it didn't happen."

Authorities declared the region northeast of the city a disaster area and military units were brought in to help thousands of firemen and local residents fight the flames, racing through thousands of hectares of pine forest.

"It has been 50 years since we had something like this in the Athens area. I hope we've seen the worst... and that this disastrous fire will be eventually confined," Papandreu said.

Thousands of people were evacuated from houses, hospitals and summer camps and police reported 14 people injured, none seriously. They said the intensity of the fire had eased yesterday, but was still out of control in at least two areas.

Thick black smoke covered much of the sky over Athens, but the city itself was not considered to be in danger.

Defense Minister Gerasimos Arsenis said he had requested the loan of helicopters from European Union partners to drop water on the blaze and officials said Germany, France and Italy were sending helicopters and planes.

Dying monk revived by 300-year-old hand

LONDON (Reuters) - A Benedictine monk made a sudden recovery from a stroke after the 300-year-old hand of a saint was laid on his forehead, the *Times* newspaper said yesterday.

Father Christopher Jenkins, 63, a parish priest in Hereford, central England, went into a coma after suffering the stroke on July 15, and doctors had not expected him to live.

But a colleague, Father Anthony Tumulty, took the hand, usually kept at their St Francis Xavier Church in Hereford, to the hospital, laid it on Father Jenkins and prayed.

He is now talking and eating normally, and can walk around. "Nobody expected him to live, but he came out of the coma within hours. It's not up to me to say whether his recovery is a miracle but it's beyond our wildest hopes," Father Tumulty said.

The hand was once attached to the rest of Saint John Kemble, a 17th century Catholic priest, until he was hanged, drawn and quartered in Hereford in 1679 for being a Catholic priest at the time of the Reformation.

After the execution, the hand was severed and thrown to the crowd, and has been kept in the church for the past 200 years.



Kaveri, an Asian elephant, and her one-and-a-half-year-old cub, Nina, frolic in the waters of the Vincennes Zoo in suburban Paris, as temperatures soared to 34 degrees Celsius in the French capital on Friday. (AP)

Nigeria executes 43 robbers

TUNDE OBADINA
LAGOS

A firing squad of Nigerian soldiers in camouflage executed 43 convicted armed robbers yesterday before a hushed crowd of 1,000 people at a Lagos prison execution ground, witnesses said.

It was the largest number executed in one day in Nigeria in decades and was certain to draw more international attention to Nigeria's military rulers, widely criticised for a secret coup trial which convicted a former head of state and 39 others.

The executions, which the government said were intended to crack down on a recent upsurge in violent crime, were carried out in batches at the Kiri Kiri maximum security prison.

Soldiers dressed in camouflage and with black shoe polish on the faces fired semi-automatic weapons to execute the convicts who were tied to stakes in three groups of 12 and one of seven.

The executions began at 8 a.m. and ended at 11 a.m. They were witnessed by three doctors, including a woman, who certified the deaths, an Irish Roman Catholic priest and a Muslim imam.

The government had said 53 would be executed, but Lagos Controller of Prisons C.O. Odikpo said 10 had been granted a stay of

execution.

An official statement released said robbery had recently escalated to crisis proportions in Africa's most populous country and the convicts slated for execution included "those terrorising innocent citizens of the state".

A Nigerian journalist, who did not attend the executions, said: "I thought this was over long ago. I can't believe that in this day and age Nigeria is still executing people."

The number executed was one more than the 42 coup plotters shot secretly in 1990 for a bloody rebellion against then-military president Ibrahim Babangida.

The possibility that some of the 40 people convicted in the latest coup plot trial may face the firing squad has made capital punishment a topic of public debate in Nigeria.

It has also raised international concern about the fate of the alleged plotters, including ex-ruler General Olusegun Obasanjo.

Three former British prime ministers have urged the Nigerian government to show clemency and the United States has said it has not ruled out sanctions to pressure Nigeria to

return to civilian rule.

An official statement said Lagos State military administrator (governor) Colonel Ogunsoye Oyinlola had approved the robbers' executions. He was quoted by state television as saying the executions would demonstrate the government's determination to curb violent crime in Lagos.

Violent crime has increased dramatically in Lagos and other urban centres in Nigeria during recent months.

Many homes in Lagos, a city of six million people, have been attacked by robbers who sometimes kill, maim or rape their victims in addition to carting away their property.

Robbers also have become more daring. In an incident on June 29, 10 people, including police, an army officer and civilians, were killed in shootouts with robbers that spanned different parts of the city and lasted several hours.

Violent crime was one of the main issues discussed earlier this week at a meeting of the National Council of State which was chaired by military head of state General Sani Abacha.

Local human rights groups opposed to capital punishment are likely to condemn the executions. (Reuters)

Survival: A matter of toughness, rainwater - and luck

SEOUL (AP) - Park Sung-hyun had a one-sentence answer when she was asked how she survived 16 days in the rubble of a collapsed shopping mall.

"I was very, very lucky," the 19-year-old salesclerk said from her hospital bed, her hands on a Buddhist rosary that her grandmother believes brought her luck when the five-story building fell June 29.

Park was the last survivor to be pulled alive from the wrecked mall, and the rubble has now been almost completely cleared away.

She and two other young people rescued were dubbed "miracle" survivors. But the credit might go more to youth and strength, rainwater seeping through the ruins - and simple luck.

The collapse of the five-story Sampong Department Store into a heap of smoking rubble was South Korea's worst peacetime disaster. The death toll stands at 458 with 160 listed missing.

Only 27 people were rescued alive, including one group of 24 cleaners who were saved because they were changing clothes after their work shift in a basement room that remained intact. They were pulled out after two days.

The tales of the three long-term survivors raised agonizing questions about whether more might have been saved.

Rescue workers privately acknowledged that their tools and know-how were limited. When Park was rescued, authorities had already been using heavy equipment for 12 days - leaving open the grisly possibility that others who survived the collapse might have been crushed by the rubble-clearing effort.

Saving lives depended more on chance than on any modern equipment or rescue techniques, officials and volunteer workers said.

"Our work here was like digging through garbage dumps with hoes," said Lee Byung-hee, a rescue official. "Poking here and there, you had to be very lucky to find a hole large enough to hold a human body."

In the first days, fire engines poured water to quell black toxic smoke from burning cars in the basement, fearing the smoke could suffocate survivors.

The water was salvation for some, a killer for others.

Choi Myong-sok, 20, pulled out 9 1-2 days after the cave-in, said the water from fire trucks and monsoon rains drowned some people trapped near him. But Yoo Chi-hwan, 18, said she survived on that water for 12 days.

Rescuers had never encountered a disaster of this magnitude.

"I have seen on TV what buildings looked like in the Oklahoma bombing and Kobe earthquakes. But I have never imagined a building could collapse like this," said rescue official Paek Il-sung.

Many citizens, responding to

appeals for help by TV stations, rushed to the scene with household tools but were blocked by police on orders not to allow unnecessary personnel into the area, newspapers reported.

Relatives of victims argued that swifter rescue work and more vigorous involvement by the central government could have saved more lives.

The last three survivors were found largely by chance. They were all found huddled in tiny pockets of air, barely large enough for them to lie down in. Rescuers did not know of their presence until they heard their feeble cries.

Doctors had difficulty saying how they survived, except that they were strong, young and healthy, not exposed to cold, with access to some water.

Park claimed she had nothing at all to drink, but humans normally cannot survive so long without water. She is South Korea's longest-surviving person trapped underground.

Park's father calls her "South Korea's luckiest girl."

China slams US House bill on human rights

BEIJING (Reuters) - Worsening Sino-American relations plunged further yesterday as China attacked a new US bill calling on President Clinton to press Beijing to reform human rights.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang called on Washington to step in to stop passage of the bill by Congress or face further damage to relations that have now cooled dramatically.

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a bill calling on Clinton to press China for reform on human rights, arms proliferation and trade but stopped short of setting sanctions. The measure was sent to the Senate Friday.

The act, in disregard of the basic principles of international relations, has brazenly violated the principles of the three Sino-US joint communiques, and constituted gross interference and unwarranted charges of China's internal affairs," Shen said.

China says the joint communiques bar all official contacts between the United States and Nationalist-ruled Taiwan and was enraged when Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui was allowed to make a private US trip last month.

Beijing has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province since the Nationalists fled there after losing the civil war in 1949.

"China wants the US government to adopt concrete measures to prevent the act from being passed by the Congress so as to avoid further damages to relations," Shen said in a statement.

The Chinese side expresses strong resentment and firm opposition to the act, and has made solemn representations to the US side," he said.

The bill averted passage of a

resolution to deny Most Favored Nation (MFN) trading status to China that could have further torn the fabric of relations between the two countries.

Clinton had promised to veto an anti-MFN measure, which would deny China the same trading status as other nations, and the House lacked votes to override his veto.

Sino-US ties have been battered by disputes over trade, the detention of US human rights activist Harry Wu in central China this month, and allegations - denied - that China has exported missile components to Iran.

The bill calls on Clinton to "undertake intensified diplomatic initiatives to persuade Beijing to release Wu and broaden human rights, halt the export of ballistic missile technology, curtail expansion of its military capacity and comply with the prohibition on forced labor exports to the US."

It urges Clinton to press the issues in talks with China, through the UN, World Bank and other organizations, and report back to Congress.

Beijing has said a meeting set for August 1 between Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher during an Asian regional conference in Brunei would decide whether battered Sino-US relations can improve.

Christopher has said he would raise Wu's case, an issue likely to anger China.

However, both sides have stressed that the cooling of relations has not spilled over into the economic field.

China is to send a 250-member trade mission to tour the United States in August to drum up investment, a sign economic ties are thriving despite disputes.

China moves warplanes closer to Taiwan

TAIPEI (AP) - In another apparent hostile move, China has deployed its most sophisticated warplanes along its eastern coast, across the sea from Taiwan, press reports said yesterday.

China asked foreign ships and aircraft to stay away from an area in the East China Sea off northern Taiwan for a week beginning Friday so China could conduct missile tests there.

The Chinese fired two short-range M-type missiles before dawn from the Loping military base in the southeastern Jiangxi province, the China Times said, quoting unidentified military officials.

The surface-to-surface missiles did not carry explosives, the United Daily News said.

The tests came amid heightened tensions over Taiwan's drive to gain international recognition, which has infuriated China.

The China Times Express, also quoting unidentified officials, said an unspecified number of MiG-

21's were deployed last week near China's eastern Nanjing military base.

It quoted the officials as saying the move was "extremely unfriendly" because China has usually kept such warplanes in the interior of the country.

"We have been monitoring the missile test, but we shall not make any comments because military secrets are concerned," one Defense Ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

He said, however, the M-type missiles have a range of 600 kilometers (360 miles) that could reach seas off northern Taiwan.

China has been angered over Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui's private visit to the United States last month to attend a class reunion at his alma mater, Cornell University. Earlier this week, China also denounced Taiwan's efforts to rejoin the United Nations, from which it was expelled in 1971.

What Bosnia? Americans prefer home scandal

SLOBODAN LEICIC
WASHINGTON

WITH war raging in Bosnia, many Americans seem preoccupied by domestic distractions: Hollywood scandals, heat waves, congressional investigations and, maybe most of all, murder trials.

The never-ending O.J. Simpson saga and the trial of Susan Smith, who has confessed to killing her two infant sons, grab the headlines. British actor Hugh Grant's escapade with a prostitute was another highlight of the media's traditional summer silliness.

More serious topics - the continuing Republican assault on the Clinton administration, for instance - also have diverted the public eye from the Bosnian war.

There are congressional hearings on Whitewater, a failed Arkansas land deal that involved President Clinton, and on the 1993 raid of a religious sect's compound in Waco, Texas, where 91 people died.

Interest in foreign issues is often limited to issues involving the United States, like the establishment of relations with Vietnam.

Only recently, with Serb attacks on eastern Bosnian enclaves and refugees' accounts of atrocities, has press attention to Bosnia picked up.

The administration's struggle to cope with Serb aggression, placate congressional critics and avoid damaging NATO is receiving considerable coverage, particularly in newspapers.

Television, where most Americans get their news, has lagged behind, although recently it too has given the story prominence.

More television time, though, is devoted to analyses of the cases of Smith and Simpson, the former US football star charged with killing his ex-wife and her friend.

"Networks devote significant time to trial coverage and other tabloid headline stories that really trivialize the news process, because the news shows are run by producers interested only in the latest ratings for their shows," said Jeff Chester, an analyst in the Washington-based Center of Media Education.

"Even if they truly wanted to focus on important news, the need to generate huge ratings, to beat the competition, marginalizes that kind of programming," he said.

Nonetheless, the Bosnian war is gradually assuming importance as a domestic political topic. With the Republicans in Congress intent stopping US compliance with the Bosnian arms embargo, the war is emerging as a contentious issue as the 1996 elections approach.

And when Capt. Scott O'Grady's F-16 fighter was shot down in Bosnia by a Serb missile in June, the jubilation following his rescue received tremendous coverage.

"In every country, immediate events are always in the forefront of public attention, while distant events are quickly forgotten," said media critic Ben Bagdikian, former dean of the graduate school of journalism at the University of California at Berkeley.

"But the moment any Americans are directly involved and at risk in Bosnia, the attention of the American public will be riveted on that war," he said. (AP)

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Forest fire won't affect the climate

TELL ME WHY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

On July 3, the day after the tragic fire in the Jerusalem Corridor, it rained in several places along the coast. Could the enormous heat from the fire have caused this strange weather? Will the destruction of two million trees change the climate in the area? David, Bnei Brak.

Nir Achiaz, a meteorologist at the Meteorological Services in Beit Dagan, answers:

The rain that fell the day after the fire was the direct result of a local heat wave breaking; a cold front from Europe encountered a low-pressure front here, and rain fell. This is a provable phenomenon. If the cold front had come from the east, one might have been able to "blame" the Jerusalem area for the odd weather on the coast to the west, but this did not occur.

Since the fire, weather here has been unusually cool; but weather in North America has been unusually hot. The amount of energy covering the earth is generally fixed, so there's a correlation between high temperatures in one part of the globe and cool temperatures in another. The forest fire did not have any effect.

As for the climate, a major fire that turns the ground black can slightly alter the temperature in the area. Greenery causes the sun's rays to be reflected back, while black earth causes heat to be absorbed. The absence of trees can cause stronger air convection and more turbulence in the immediate area.

In any case, temperatures in Shoshon and environs will rise only a degree or two until the winter, when the green ground cover will reappear. Since the area affected by the fire is very small in meteorological terms, it won't have any effect on the climate.

Why do some flowers close at night, while others remain open all the time? What is the mechanism that makes this happen? Eilat, Zichron Ya'akov.

Dr. Michael Avishai, director of the Hebrew University's Botanical Gardens, replies:



Since the forest fire in Jerusalem's Corridor affected a small area, no changes in the climate will result. (Werner Braun)

Whether a flower closes at night depends on a variety of factors, including its ecological background, method of pollination and complexity of its breeding system.

Flowers that are pollinated by insects that are active only during the day tend to close at night. Others that are pollinated by insects active at night, such as moths, have to remain open after dark as well. Some flowers have a simple breeding system: their pollen can be transferred by wind, animals or insects; thus, they can "afford" to be closed at night. But others, such as certain types of orchids, can be pollinated only by a specific agent, so they need to be open longer to increase pollination chances.

Closing at night is an advantage because it reduces the risk of

the flower's nectar and pollen being eaten by an invader.

Sunlight changes the concentration of sugar and water in certain cells in the flower that control movement of the petals. On a cloudy day, these cells will "think" it's still night and won't open because they need intense sun to be affected.

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Games theory keeps the mathematicians guessing

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

I won't predict the winning numbers in a Lotto draw, but I can suggest the outcome of a game of chess or poker. It can't foretell who will win a Knesset election, but it can sketch an outline of which parties are most likely to form a coalition after the voting results are known. It can even propose the best way to sell something or how superpowers can deal with threats from their enemies.

It's game theory. That's not an amusing hobby for bored mathematicians or social scientists, but an increasingly visible branch of economics and mathematics for which, in 1994, three Nobel Prizes were awarded. Henry Kissinger was a known believer in game theory, and even Yitzhak Rabin has reportedly consulted experts in it.

One of the world's leading game theorists is Prof. Robert ("Johnny") Aumann of the Hebrew University, who won the Israel Prize in economics in 1994 and the Harvey Prize in 1983, and is considered a leading candidate for a future Nobel Prize.

An international conference on game theory was held recently on HU's Givat Ram campus to mark the 65th birthday of the white-bearded, good-natured German-born mathematician. "I'm 65, but I'm not retiring," he said in an interview during the conference. "I hope to be around here for another five years."

The conference was attended by 200 of the world's leading game theorists. Among them were four Nobel Prize winners: Prof. Kenneth Arrow of Stanford University; Prof. John Harsanyi of the University of California at Berkeley, who advised the US government on disarmament talks; Prof. Reinhard Selten of the University of Bonn; and Prof. John Nash of Princeton.

The week-long conference was organized by HU's Center for Rationality and Interactive Decision Theory, headed by Prof. Sergiu Hart; this interdisciplinary center even uses bees to predict the behavior of the insects when posed with a variety of problems.

Aumann was treated by fellow game-theory enthusiasts at the conference with the type of reverence that hasidim give their reb-

bes. Lecturers at parallel sessions were visibly honored when he sat in the last row and tossed informal questions when they finished their talks, generously illustrated with abstract equations that were incomprehensible to the uninitiated.

Born in Frankfurt am Main, Aumann received a PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1955. Soon afterwards, he immigrated here and began to lecture at HU, where he was appointed a full professor in 1966. He has been a visiting professor at many universities abroad and is a member of both the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the US National Academy of Sciences.

Originally a mathematician, Aumann went into operations research and worked for industry. Then, at MIT, he met John Nash, a pioneer of game theory, and became interested. Together, they solved a hypothetical problem relating to the defense of a city from air attacks using nuclear weapons. "I realized I was becoming very interested in game theory and decided to devote myself to it."

The discipline first began half a century ago, when mathematician John von Neumann and economist Oskar Morgenstern jointly published the book *Theory of Games and Economic Behavior*. Von Neumann, who worked at the Rand Corporation in the early 1950s, advised both presidents Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower to drop the atomic bomb on Russia before that country made the first move.

According to the experts, game theory is a kind of "unified field theory" for the rational side of social science, where "social" is interpreted broadly to include human individuals, as well as other kinds of "players," including corporations, nations, political parties, computers — even plants and animals.

"Animals, in fact, are more predictable than people," noted Aumann. "The stakes are higher when you work with animals, because they are often tested when they are hungry or thirsty. Animals usually behave more clearly than humans, who often act surprisingly when under stress and the stakes are high."

Predicting the outcome of games of chance is not for game



Prof. Robert Aumann: You can't demand perfection in game theory. (Rosi Ne'eman)

theorists, Aumann explained: "You need a structured situation, not something solely based on luck."

Stanford's Prof. Paul Milgrom lectured at the gathering on how he helped the US Federal Communications Commission auction off billions of dollars' worth of radio frequency licenses to the highest bidders last December.

In this FCC "game," the stakes are very high, and the number of potential bidders and available "prizes" is very limited. Milgrom suggested auctioning off hundreds of licenses simultaneously, with each bidder suggesting in advance the combination of frequencies that he was interested in. These combinations were auctioned off, *en bloc*. With each bidder able to see the other bids, there was less danger of underbidding by companies afraid of paying too much. By not publicizing the names behind the bids, the risk of collusion among them was minimized. Using Milgrom's technique, the FCC netted 100 times more in income than it had expected.

Game theory has also been used by top international pharmaceutical corporations to study the impact of health reform on drug pricing, or to decide whether to take over another company. But game theory is not foolproof. "In 1977, I used game the-

ory to predict the constituents of the new Likud government," recalled Aumann. "I was way off and very disappointed. I had thought that the Democratic Movement for Change would be inside the coalition, but it took five months for this to happen."

Still, Aumann insists that the motivation of politicians and parties can be analyzed and foreseen, if not with 100 percent certainty. "When someone scientifically proves a physics theory that is one-third off the prediction, that's regarded as a great success. So you can't demand perfection in game theory."

If the leader of a political party needs to form a stable government, he continued, "he is faced with a dilemma. If he decides on a large cabinet, his influence as prime minister will be quite small. If he decides on a smaller cabinet, his influence will be quite small too because any party threats to leave it will make the coalition fragile. We use formulas to figure out various influences."

The mind-boggling formulas used by game theorists are more easily tried and tested through the use of computers, Aumann said, "but they are only tools, not the essence. I myself manage with an ordinary 486 processor; I don't need a Pentium chip to do it."

Aumann, an observant Jew, believes that Talmud and game theory are made for each other. A decade ago, he wrote an article in the *Journal of Economic Theory* on the use of game theory to analyze a bankruptcy problem from Tractate *Kerubot*. The article, written with HU colleague Prof. Michael Maschler, was dedicated to the memory of Aumann's son Shlomo, a *hasid* student who fell in Lebanon in 1982 on the fourth day of the war.

The article deals with the problem of a man who leaves debts worth more than his estate. Their solution to the problem led them and others to analyze other Talmudic passages using this discipline.

What does a game theorist do in his spare time? "I don't play games, because that's what I do in my work," Aumann declared. "I haven't even played chess in years. But I do go for rappelling and hiking."

The name's different, the idea's the same

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

COMPUTER games have been around a long time now, and they have changed over the years, from novelties supplied on cassette tape to graphical, musical, talking, multimedia extravaganzas on CD-ROM. The latest few games that I have seen, however, made me wonder how much, under the surface, has really changed.

All the games are marketed here by Makhshevet, and all have translated packaging and manuals.

"Retribution" (*Ayin Tahat Ayin*), by Gremlin Interactive, is a science-fiction epic. It starts off with a long, beautifully animated introduction, which explains how the dying human race was befriended by the Krellans, a race from outer space, how the Krellans shared their technology with human beings and helped them reach out to the stars and flourish in colonies all over the galaxy.

One day, a Krellan spaceship is found floating near an Earth space station. The pilot is dead, and the humans perform a mind probe on her, which shows that all the Krellans really want the humans for is food. Their intention was to fatten them up, weaken them, and then eat them.

Obviously, the humans weren't thrilled at the prospect of being served for dinner, and went to war with the Krellans.

Strangely enough, Earth needs a special pilot for all kinds of dangerous missions, but you'll do instead.

That is just the introduction to the game.

The animation, sound and graphics are amazing, but the game is a pretty ordinary flight simulator. If you don't already have 20 flight simulator games, this one is not bad. If you're looking for an amazing graphics demo, run out and buy this one now.

"Novastorm" (*Sufat Halaq*) by Psygnosis has no pretensions whatsoever. It is a straightforward, loud, spectacular shoot-em-up. It has a modicum of a plot — about machines taking over the world — but it hardly matters. The only reason to be interested in the plot is that it is expounded in an absolutely breathtaking animated intro.

You certainly don't have to read the manual; you can even choose the control keys on the fly.

The action is hard and fast, the graphics and music are stunning. If you're into action games, you'll like it; if you're the type who can't walk and chew gum at the same time, forget it.

One game which is almost completely different is "Ecstasia" (*Halom Balahot*), also by Psygnosis. This is an action adventure, but unlike any that I have come across.

The story is a bit — but not much — more important in a game like "Ecstasia." You play a traveler — you can choose whether it is a

man or a woman — who arrives at a village and finds it occupied by all kinds of goblins and other assorted monsters. It turns out that you have stumbled into the nightmares of Princess Ecstasia, and your job, as you probably guessed, is to save the world, again.

The reason the game is so special is the graphics. The characters are very realistically animated in 3-D, as are the locations. They look a bit like crash test dummies or Michelin men, rather than the usual cartoon characters. The settings are realistic and quite varied, as are the monsters. Also realistic is the violence, and Makhshevet has given it a 15-and-over rating. It is nice to see local producers of games giving them ratings, as some of the games can be pretty violent. It would be interesting to know whether shops actually take any notice of them. Sound and speech are good, but hardly breathtaking.

The game play boils down to you going from building to building in the village, looking for clues as to what is going on, and thumping and being thumped.

The hard part is controlling the character. Because the "camera angle" constantly changes, it is difficult to keep track of your direction, and very easy to accidentally turn your character in the wrong direction at a crucial moment, thereby putting an abrupt end to your life.

I had a great response after including my e-mail address in my previous column. For those who missed it, it's dmbaum@shani.net.

Rare hereditary condition can be detected at Sheba

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

A little-known, rare hereditary condition that can have fatal consequences if an affected person undergoes anesthesia can now be diagnosed in time at Sheba Hospital.

The condition, called malignant hyperthermia, is believed to affect one in 15,000 to 50,000 people.

Completely healthy people who have the defective gene may — when exposed to anesthesia — develop a high temperature and drastic metabolic changes that can be life threatening.

If the problem is diagnosed early, giving the drug *Dantrolene* prevents the dangerous reaction or halts it when it is in progress.

Sheba says it is the only hospital in the country to have the equipment and the trained personnel to accurately diagnose this condition and provide counseling to such patients.

Families in which someone has died or suffered serious compli-

cations from anesthesia are referred to the Tel Hashomer hospital before undergoing an operation.

Recently, a soldier with no previous history of medical problems was admitted to Sheba to undergo hernia repair surgery.

All tests before the surgery were normal, but after a few injections of anesthetic he developed severe contractions of the jaw muscles, fever and other symptoms. Blood tests showed a high concentration of certain enzymes which indicate hyperactivi-

ty of the muscles. Malignant hyperthermia was diagnosed, and he was immediately given *Dantrolene*. The soldier recovered and was sent home three days later.

Six months later, a muscle biopsy was performed on him to confirm the diagnosis; it was found that he definitely suffered from the rare condition. Members of his immediate family were also tested, and one his sisters was also found to have inherited the condition.

The siblings were given a document with instructions to anesthesiologists on what to do to avoid complications before surgery, including the use of alternative anesthetics.

Electronic dictionary helps with a word in hand

NEW WORLDS

POST HEALTH REPORTER

A new hand-held, three-language electronic dictionary — which also serves as a word processor and personal organizer and offers word games in Hebrew and English — is now being sold as "the most advanced of its kind."

Called Milotronic and just introduced on the local market, the device will soon have the option of a cable hookup to transmit data directly into one's personal computer.

Called Milotronic, it weighs only 480 grams and has a comfortable 53-key QWERTY keyboard and seven-line screen. Commands, similar to those on a regular personal computer, are easily carried out by pushing a few buttons. The user can access the Hebrew-Hebrew dictionary of Even-Shoshan, and the English-Hebrew/Hebrew-English dictionary of Silberman, including synonyms, phrases, slang and a spell checker. The French-Hebrew/Hebrew-French dictionary comprises a million words.

In addition, the user can store some 200 names and telephone

numbers alphabetically in the device, which holds three megabytes (expandable up to 16 megabytes) of internal memory. One can also find out what time it is in some two dozen main cities around the world when it is noon here.

Borrowing one of the devices from the distributor, I found that it really does offer comprehensive dictionaries, and the word processor is convenient for relatively short communications.

The only shortcoming was that the contrast of the blue letters on the screen was somewhat less than desirable, despite a tuning knob. It runs either on a battery or on AC current using an enclosed transformer. Manufactured by Digivord for Kiryat Sefer Computers, it is being distributed by Matar-Triwaks Publishing Company and Steimatzyk. Its regular price is NIS 1,280, but it is on sale currently for NIS 990 in 10 installments.

ALGEBRA DEMYSTIFIED Algebra becomes understandable, and even fun, with a new

computer program now available from a Jerusalem company, Etz (Tree) Computers. Called *Yesodot Ha'algebra*, the Hebrew-language software is suitable for youngsters who lack even a basic understanding of this difficult subject.

The four-diskette program, which requires an SVGA screen and takes up seven megabytes of memory on a hard disk, clearly explains algebra step by step, with a female voice (that of one of the company owners, Anat Cohen) narrating the lessons. By answering test questions correctly, the user automatically fills in names of cities around the world. Until mid-September, the price is NIS 159; afterwards, it rises to NIS 199.

The program is available only from Etz Computers, which operates from the home of Anat and her husband Zvika (Tel. 02-415243). During the lessons, soft

organ music played by the Cohens creates a relaxing background.

The couple, who share backgrounds in math, computers and music, have already produced two dozen computer programs for children, including the basics of first grade, spelling in Hebrew, ABCs, basic reading in English, multiplication and division, fractions and understanding the clock.

SUMMER ENGLISH

Junior high-school pupils in the Jerusalem area who want to make the most of summer by improving their English can participate in a new program for studying via computer. The Linguatex Language Institute at 11 Rivka Street in the Talpatri quarter is teaching pupils on site twice a week and supplying software to those who have their own computer at home and want regular home visits by a tutor.

Linguatex, established by former Hebrew University English lecturer Laurin Lewis, has developed software for teaching the

language to Hebrew, Russian and Arabic speakers. The new method is currently being used in a pilot course at the Dekel Vilnay junior-high school in Ma'aleh Adumim. The summer courses in Talpatri are the first to be offered to the public.

At the Linguatex learning center, pupils work alone at a computer on vocabulary lessons based on the company's *Words in Context* software, which has been approved by the Education Ministry. Each lesson, using pictures and sound, teaches 30 new words.

After every five lessons, the pupil takes a computerized test to see if he is ready to move on. Linguatex "certificates" are awarded when the pupil masters 500, 1,000 or 2,000 English words.

Those who prefer to study at home and have the necessary hardware are taught how to use the programs and are given a learning schedule. The teacher drops in at home from time to time to ensure that the pupil is progressing and tests him with a computerized vocabulary exam.

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Diminishing options

THE moral failure of Western and Russian political leaders over Bosnia has been loudly, regularly, and universally condemned. The allies' weekend conference in London will do nothing to repair this broken backbone of political principle. The leaders' flaccid and unconvincing bravado masquerading as "new policy" lacked only a politician waving a piece of white paper and promising peace in our time.

Public outrage over the destruction of Bosnians' lives and rights in their own homeland is getting nowhere and, as so often in the past, it will be left to historians to pick over the whys and wherefores. Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel and German Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis have demonstrated the depths of frustration all humanitarians feel over Bosnia by calling on Germany to intervene. It may seem surprising to many that such prominent and respected Jewish leaders should be calling on Germans, of all nations, to make their presence felt in the Balkans.

But, as both men have said, developments in Bosnia are beginning to look uncomfortably like those in the Nazi days of the 1930s. Calling on memories of the Nazis and the Holocaust is certainly overdue far too often. Even when it is not done maliciously, it is often done insensitively and inappropriately.

However, when Wiesel and Bubis start to use such comparisons, it is time to sit up and take notice. It should be clear that the Serbs' ethnic cleansing, ill treatment of Moslems, separation of families - hideous as they are - are not being compared to the Holocaust and atrocities of the 1940s, the apex of Nazi barbarism and the nadir of European civilization.

The comparison being made is with Germany in the 1930s when Nazism was flexing its muscle, dictatorship was being put in place and "ethnic cleansing" of Jews from national life and normal social and economic intercourse gathered steam. In other words, a time of dangerous developments, pointers for the future - a time not of mass extermination, but of the shadow of what was to come. The danger signals were of course ignored when the world should have acted to destroy, not appease the menace.

Wiesel and Bubis, along with thousands of others of concerned observers, are saying the time to act over Bosnia is now, to avoid worse that may come. Apart from his international reputation, the warnings of Wiesel as an Auschwitz survivor cannot be taken lightly. He con-

ceded Jews would find it hard to accept the idea of German troops landing in the Balkans again. But he argued that Germany's past meant it cannot remain blind to "ethnic cleansing."

He recalled how the Nazis first drove out the Jews before deciding destroying them totally was a better "final solution." Some 180,000 of Germany's Jews were lucky enough to get out before Kristallnacht 1938. The expulsion of Moslems from their towns and homes with nothing, the separation of the menfolk from their families, "is quite comparable to what happened from the beginning of the Third Reich to the outbreak of the war," said Wiesel. "The world was silent about the crimes of the Nazis and people thought appeasement could achieve something. I cannot understand why the UN and NATO have not learned a lesson from this."

"Every person we leave behind without help, every life we give up, will pursue us like an eternal reproach," Wiesel said in his thought-provoking interview in *Stern* magazine Thursday. Speaking separately on radio, Bubis echoed the same theme. "Many people hide behind the argument that Germany committed sins in former Yugoslavia and we cannot intervene there militarily," he said. "I disagree - because Germany sinned back then, it has all the more duty to rush to help people there."

Their plea for Germany to act in Bosnia is startling - and that may be its purpose, for there is certainly not the slightest chance Germany can do any such thing. Even with the considerable moral backing that Jewish voices carry, it would be political suicide for Chancellor Helmut Kohl or any leader, and German Jewish support would not stop riots from anti-war Germans or a torrent of protest from abroad.

Of more significance is the Jewish leaders' attempt to raise the moral seriousness of Bosnia to a new level, and to issue a warning that worse can still happen. Many have responded "nonsense" to suggestions the Bosnian crisis is anything more than a nasty civil war. Maybe. But the shooting of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo was nothing more than a nasty little assassination, and Sudetenland was nothing more than a minor Czech province.

After Bosnia, there is always Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania - all full of inconvenient Moslems. To think that triumphant Serbs are not capable of causing more mayhem in the face of a paralyzed world community is just the sort of delusion the timely warnings from Bubis and Wiesel are meant to dispel.



Apologia for genocide

DANNY BEN-MOSHE

A novel about Ukrainian collaboration with the Nazis which won Australia's prestigious Miles Franklin Literary Award has sparked a heated debate in the Australian media.

It has also led to a threat by Australia's Ukrainian community to sue prominent American lawyer Alan Dershowitz.

At the center of the debate is author Helen Demidenko, a 24-year-old first-generation Australian woman. Daughter of an Irish mother and a Ukrainian father, in *The Hand That Signed The Paper* Demidenko writes about a young Australian woman with the same family background.

The narrator tells the story of her uncle who, charged with war crimes, hides under the kitchen table yelling: "The Israelis are coming to get me!"

"I wrote the book," Demidenko explained, "because I experienced, as a Ukrainian-Australian, a great deal of personal unpleasantness as a result of the war crimes trials. And I was continually called upon to explain why Ukrainians had done this, why Ukrainians had done that."

The book begins with Jewish "commissars" arriving in Ukraine, where they inflict wanton damage on the Ukrainians. The narrator says "this was how the hate started."

The narrator explains, as Demidenko does in media interviews, that Jewish Bolsheviks inflicted conditions of famine on the Ukrainians, and that, as victims of history, Ukrainians joined the Nazis in their genocide of Jews. She does not claim that this was morally justifiable, but does argue that it was understandable. This line of reasoning has come under scathing attack.

Jacques Adler, a Melbourne University historian and veteran of the French Resistance, said that the "thesis is so far from the historical truth that the book serves as an apologia for genocide."

He also wondered how the book could ignore a 17th-century rebellion led by Ukrainian nationalist Bogdan Khmelnytsky, in which tens of thousands of Jews were killed, and the murder of 100,000 Jews by Ukrainian nationalists in the 1918 civil war.

Pamela Bone, a columnist at the Melbourne Age, criticized the book because "it comes dangerously close to arguing that the Jews deserved what was done to them by those Ukrainians who collaborated with the Nazis; and because it makes a sympathetic figure out of a man who not only willingly participated in the machine-gunning of thousands of people, but who could plunge a bayonet into a baby."

Gerard Henderson, a leading Australian commentator and director of the Sydney Institute, observed: "This book will give comfort to racists and antisemites from Australia's Lunar Right League of Rights to the fascist wing of Russia's Pamyat movement."

DURING A brief visit to Australia, US lawyer Alan Dershowitz became embroiled in the affair, describing the book as "one of the most pernicious and mean-spirited works of fiction" which "totally distorts the history of the Ukraine. Worse, it is a cowardly book" as the author is "afraid to write a non-fiction apologia for the Ukrainian genocide," claiming that "Demidenko's subtle goal" is "to explain the Ukrainian participation in the Holocaust

so the murderers go unpunished."

As the war crimes trial develops the narrator reflects: "My sister is starting to hate, my sister who never hated anything." Dershowitz pointed out, "It is the Jews who are making them hate."

Members of Australia's Ukrainian community have threatened

An award-winning Australian book 'will give comfort to racists and antisemites' everywhere

to sue Dershowitz under anti-racial legislation for vilifying them as a group.

Demidenko has defended herself against this array of charges. "All I say is [that] because Jews were prominent in the Communist Party, many Ukrainians perceived that this ethnic group was responsible for genocide against their own people in the same way Jews perceived Ukrainians as responsible for the Holocaust."

Demidenko claims her book is "faction" and that "any text where the author's foremost ambition is to tell a story, when read as a work of history, will be found wanting."

However, in an author's note, she writes: "It would be ridiculous to pretend that this book is unhistorical," and acknowledges that, where necessary, "historical events and people" have been used "throughout the text."

The book won the 1993 Australian Vogel Literary Award. But one judge, novelist Roger McDonald, advised publishers

Allen and Unwin that "there will have to be a lot more work on the roots of Ukrainian antisemitism, otherwise this manuscript will be seen - with justification - as antisemitic."

McDonald suggested that the author be "counseled" to make her aware of the likely reaction to the charge of antisemitism in the book. At one point there was a discussion about the publishers providing editorial assistance specifically to address perceived racism in the book.

Demidenko has refuted allegations of antisemitism. But many of her comments, in addition to the thrust of the book, have alarmed the local Jewish community.

For example, she described her critics as "Zionists" and, in a stormy television debate with Gerard Henderson, she said: "I think it's a little bit worrying when someone who is not Jewish begins to speak for the Jewish community."

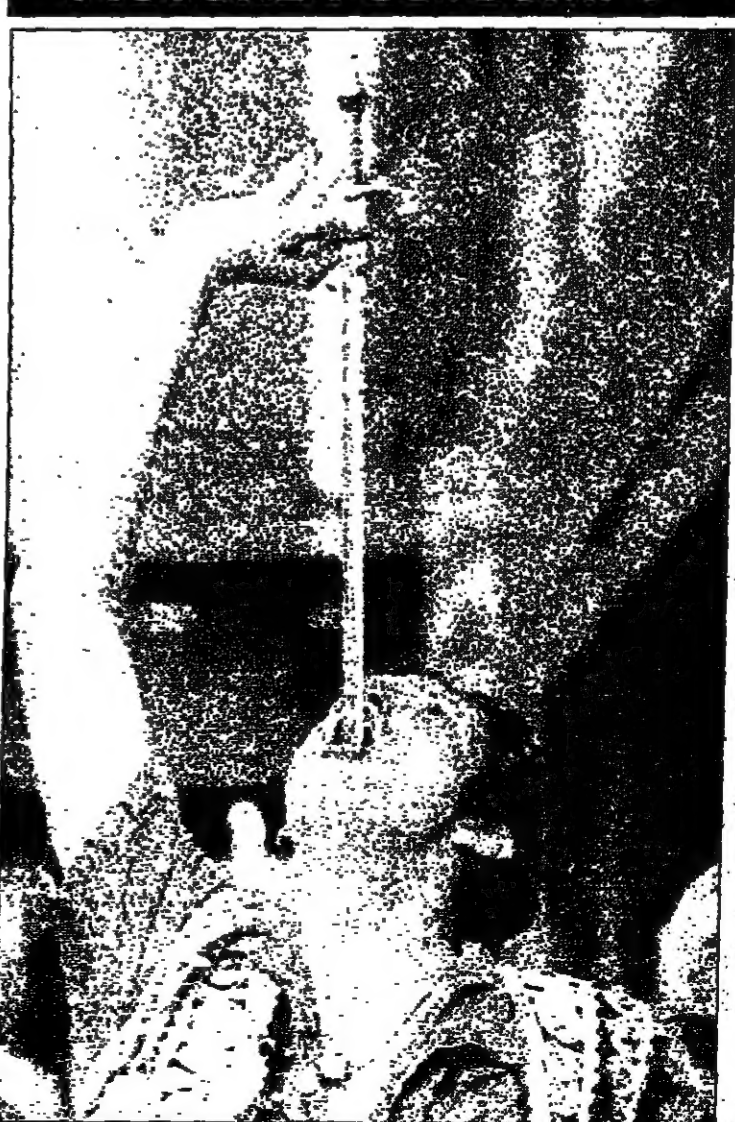
This accumulation of concerns has not hindered the book's success. It recently won its third award - the Australian Literature Society Gold Medal. And Allen and Unwin, which has back orders for 3,000 copies, is producing two reprints.

In Australia, which has some experience of Holocaust revisionism, this is a new angle that does not deny, but justifies the Holocaust. Pamela Bone said: "There is a fine line between seeking to understand why people commit terrible crimes, and excusing them for those crimes."

The back cover of the book describes its "extraordinary redemptive power," but, as Bone asks: "Redemptive for whom? For men who bayoneted Jewish babies and machine-gunned hundreds of innocent people?"

The writer is a journalist with the Australian/Israel Review.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Swordswallower Fred Kahl demonstrates his art outside Brooklyn Civil Court as he and other Coney Island sideshow performers make a plea for help to save their show.

Glorious food

DAVID MARGOLIS

A rabbi friend once told me that his tendency to lose weight and gain it back again in 25-pound increments was merely an inconvenience.

Either he had to keep two identical sets of clothing in limited closet space, or go out and purchase a new wardrobe each time his cycle came around again.

He claimed something I found hard to believe: that he carried no emotional weight along with his fat problem.

He thought he looked better thin, but insisted he had no issues of, say, personal autonomy or misdirected anger, no feelings of depression or fear or failure linked to the tightening of his waistband. It was just a matter of self-control.

When he didn't have it, he gained weight. "I like to eat," he shrugged.

What a lucky man. To the rest of us who struggle with our weight, overeating is connected to all sorts of personal, often inarticulate emotions: loneliness, boredom, stress, guilt, anger - everything, in fact, except hunger.

Books on the subject abound. *Fat is a Feminist* issues changes society with overbearing women by pushing them to diet and remake their bodies.

Then there's a US magazine called *Big Beautiful Woman* (and an organization called the Fat Liberation Movement), providing support and social community for

Fat is a feminist, family, or Jewish issue. Take your pick

people who are fat and don't think it's a crime.

Another book, *Fat Is a Family Affair*, is based on the author's notion that eating disorders stem from the emotional mess of people's relationships with their parents - especially daughters with controlling mothers.

A LOT of people also consider fat a Jewish issue.

According to a survey in the New York City area, Jewish families consume "almost double" the amount of cake and doughnuts that non-Jewish families do, and more than twice as much diet soda... and cottage cheese.

A professional in the eating-disorder industry claims that Jews tend to choose food over additions to other substances. Food is, after all, the cheapest, most easily available, most socially acceptable mood-altering substance.

It isn't merely a coincidence that Alcoholics Anonymous was founded by two Christian men, while Overeaters Anonymous was founded by two Jewish women.

So take your pick: Fat is a feminist, family, or Jewish issue. It is also, of course, a more general one.

In the US, where taking statistical surveys is a major form of exercise, a quarter of the adult population is said to be seriously overweight. At any one time, in fact, 100 million Americans - nearly half the population - are trying to lose weight.

In Israel, well, put down your bag of Bamba and look around you.

Scientists recently isolated the hormone that controls hunger, and are investigating its regulation as a method for weight control.

Personally, I doubt it will work. Overweight comes, in my experience, not from overeating in response to hunger, but from overeating despite the absence of hunger.

All additions are a form of self-delusion.

I am, for example, able to convince myself that many small slices of cake don't really equal a big slice; that eating standing up or walking around doesn't count; that one more small portion doesn't matter; that vacations, celebrations and Shabbat are separate, immune islands as far as eating is concerned; that small gestures of exercising make up for much larger culinary indulgences - and, always, that tomorrow (or even later today) will be different.

I can mention all this in public only because I know that I'm not alone.

And I'd go on talking about it too - except that I can hear a sweet voice calling to me from the kitchen. It belongs to a pound cake I have already eaten half of.

Can another little slice hurt?

The writer lives, writes and eats in Jerusalem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RABBINIC RULING

Sir, - I support the recent halachic ruling by the Rabbinic Forum for Israel. Governments come and go, whether they be left-wing, right-wing, totalitarian or democratic. They dictate policy, only to be replaced by the winds of history. Rabbinic represent an eternal truth, one on which the values of justice and sanctity of life are built. Rabbinic authorities have an obligation to object when they feel the Torah, people and land of Israel are endangered.

When a moral dilemma exists, many turn to spiritual leaders for guidance. History condemns religious leaders for their silence before and during the Holocaust, and history judges kindly those clergymen who participated in anti-government activities during the Vietnam war. The Israeli left is certainly no stranger to the term, "conscientious objector."

If the Oslo DOP fails and brings tragedy with it, then these rabbis will be seen as heroic figures with tremendous insight. But until history takes its course, we must reserve judgment and remember that, while our politicians are being wined and dined in diplomatic circles, our rabbis attend the funerals of our fallen and comfort bereaved families.

Who truly represents the people?
ELLEN W. HOROWITZ
Jerusalem.

HIGH STANDARD

Sir, - Ms. Luz's Letter to the Editor (July 10) is highly vituperative and slanders not only *The Jerusalem Post*, but also its president, for political points of view with which she disagrees.

I am not a Likudnik, and I don't generally wear a kippa, but I highly regard and support our religious beliefs. (Ms. Luz could learn much about tolerance and respect from kippa-wearing Jews.) It is the right of newspaper editors to give their point of view on current affairs in their op-ed column, and readers have the right to disagree and give their own viewpoint. But the offending expressions used by Ms. Luz in her letter show excessive bias and lack of self-respect.

To set the record straight, as a reader of the *JP* for 40 years, I have seen many articles by prominent anti-rightists and also supporters of the extreme left. This gives the lie to Ms. Luz's accusations. *The Jerusalem Post* is a highly respected newspaper publishing features of the highest standard. This is proven by the fact that it is quoted more frequently than any other international newspaper, in *Time* magazine's "From The World's Headlines" column.

Givat Savyon.
HAIM MILLER

TORAH VALUES

Sir, - Yosef Goell ought to read *The Jerusalem Post*. On the same day that his op-ed article ("A massive dose of religion," July 4) appeared, in which he describes the Jewish religion as a cart "choked-full of irrelevant *alte shmaunes*," which should be "forced off the Israeli superhighway," we can observe the inevitable results of this attitude.

See, for example, the report about children in Satanic cults, who say, "we don't believe in anything but anarchy." What else have you given them to believe in? (Interestingly, "the cult members came from all economic sectors and could be found everywhere except [the largely religious city of] Jerusalem.")

And who is responsible for the "Yemenite baby trade"? Might it be those "life-long committed secular Zionists"? What exactly are the values loaded on their secular cart? As for us, we shall continue the age-old traditions of what Mr. Goell refers to as "infant mutilation" (*brit mila*) and "tribal food taboos" (*kasarut*), which are constant reminders of our covenant with our Creator.

We will continue to raise our children with the Torah values which have been passed on for generations, those values which have given us the strength to remain moral throughout a history fraught with persecution and injustice, those values which make us Jews and guarantee our survival as Jews. We wonder, what will guarantee this for Mr. Goell's grandchildren?

NOMI GUTENMACHER
RABBI ELI RABINOWITZ
ALAN S. BIRENBAUM
SHIA A. LEIGH
RABBI ASHER METH
Jerusalem.

BROADER PERSPECTIVE

Sir, - Kudos to you for giving your readers a broader perspective than what the media provided regarding the recent Halachic rulings by a group of rabbis. I refer to "A Question of Conscience" by Jonathan Blass (*The Jerusalem Post*, July 14). I hope we will be treated to further philosophical exposition of current issues.

DAVID MAGEN
Dimona.

WOMEN'S POSITION IN ISRAEL

Sir, - David Margolis's article about the gang-rape of a mentally retarded woman in Haifa ("Boys will be boys..." July 7) and the non-sensitiveness her attackers received in the Haifa District Court deeply disturbed me.

People claim we are creeping closer in our life-style to the US every waking moment. As regards the treatment of women in our society, the country we more closely resemble is Saudi Arabia. How often I have heard over the years at dinner parties how tragic it is to be a woman under the rule of Islam. Well, coming from the mouth of an Israeli male, that has to be a sick joke.

The madonna-whore complex or, if you prefer, the every-woman-is-a-whore-except-my-mother complex, is as endemic to Israeli society as it is to any Islamic nation. We simply clothe our Middle Eastern brutality with the trappings of late-20th-cen-

tury Western civilization, i.e. American fast-food emporiums, cars, clothes, TV shows, popular music, movies, etc. But all this desire on our part to emulate our American friends simply camouflages a bitter truth about life in Israel. For women, this country is a white glove on a dirty hand.

What are the real statistics regarding rape, battered wives and sexually abused children in Israel? Does anyone really want to know? I doubt it. A judicial system that can "punish" the three Kiryat Ata gang-rape victims of a mentally retarded woman with a sentence of three to six months of community service and two years' suspended sentence cannot afford that knowledge. Just remember - Israel is not a totalitarian state: it is a democracy, which means that the "judicial system" is us.

JONATHAN LICHT
Jerusalem.

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Net Gain

Internet censorship technically impossible

BY GARY CHAPMAN

Sen. James Exon of Nebraska is a grand fatherly, slow-talking, mush-mouthed poster-boy for the unwired. He admits that he had never used the Internet before somebody alerted him to the presence there of hard-core pornography. But, on June 14, the Senate passed, 84-16, Exon's amendment to the omnibus telecommunications reform bill, a legislative bomb called the Communications Decency Act of 1995. The amendment, co-sponsored by Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, outlaws "obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent" communication on the Internet.

The response on the net itself has been explosive. But the more pressing issue is that the Internet, for technical reasons perhaps beyond the ken of Sen. Exon, is uniquely immune not just to this but to any form of government regulation that net users oppose. There are already myriad ways that controversial regulations can be circumvented or foiled. In that sense the net may well be the first empirically lawless domain of modern life. And, indeed, there are a number of technical features of the Internet that make this idea plausible. For example:

The Global Web. The way the Internet works makes computers halfway around the world as proximate and as useful as machines in the next room — in fact, in some cases, preferable. Several Central European countries have routed nearly all their national data traffic through U.S. networks because of the capacity and speed of the U.S. connections; the Peruvian government is currently carrying on a computer war with the Shining Path guerrillas, with both sides trying to wipe out data on their respective computers in Peru, while using an Internet server in Brooklyn.

Anonymity. It's easy to conceal one's identity on the Internet, and hard to find the "real" person behind an electronic disguise. An occasional contributor of pornographic pictures to a Usenet news group identifies himself as "George W. Bush," the name of the governor of Texas. No one suspects the governor of being a pornographer; but no one can determine the true identity of the person using his name by reading this guy's messages, either. In theory, you could deal with this problem by passing laws to the effect that whoever actually provides Internet access is legally responsible for the messages that originate there, but to do so would risk infuriating every single Internet access provider and incurring lawsuits.

This matter is further complicated by the existence of what are called anonymous mailers. Already a feature of the Internet, anonymous mailers are machines that one can send a message to, and which will then automatically forward the

message minus any clues to its original source.

Overwhelming data volume. Internet traffic has been growing by between 15 and 20 percent a month — an unprecedented rate of expansion, for anything — and institutions are strained trying to keep up with demand. Terabytes, or trillions of bytes, are circulating on the net at any given time. Trying to locate illegal or offensive data on the net would be harder than trying to isolate two paired words in all the world's telephone conversations and TV transmissions at once.

Encryption. There is currently a struggle going on between, on the one side, government officials who want to control standards for encryption (programs used to put data into code) so that law enforcement and national security agencies can decrypt data transmissions at will and, on the other, privacy advocates who want to use private, unbreakable codes. Already encryp-

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tion algorithms are available for Internet communication that allow messages to be coded at their source and then decoded only at their intended destination. Between coding and decoding, data can appear as gibberish to anyone without the correct decoding scheme.

All of these features of the Internet make censorship technically impossible, and the Exon bill will be unenforceable in any reasonable sense. They also make any government regulation of the net problematic if not ultimately futile.

The technical characteristics of the Internet are combining with net users' rising disdain for government to produce an incrementally refined resistance to regulation. Government intervention is, thus, opposed by Internet activists not because of its specific intent but because regulation represents a penetration of alien and unwelcome ideas into perhaps the only domain where rules and behavior are largely disconnected from government coercion. In cyberspace, one alleged-

ly leaves behind politicians, bureaucrats, police, armies and, not only crime, but the very concept of crime. Consider, for example, this recent message from a group calling itself DigitalLiberty, a "group" that exists only in cyberspace:

"DigitalLiberty is not hopeful that widespread freedom will come to the physical world, at least not in our lifetime. Too many constituencies depend upon the largest and redistributive power of national governments and therefore oppose freedom and the individual responsibility it entails. But we do believe that liberty can and will prevail in the virtual domains we are building on the net and that national governments will be powerless to stop us. We believe that cyberspace will transcend national borders, national cultures and national economies. We believe that no one will hold sovereignty over this new realm because coercive force is impotent in cyberspace."

Much of this kind of rhetoric can be dismissed as naive and deluded, of course. Millions of network users are legitimately worried about their kids having access to pictures of bestiality and worse, and most don't tend to ponder the utopian potential of cyberspace. It's also the case that most Internet users access the net from deep within bureaucratic institutions, and it is typically these bureaucracies that profit and are strengthened most by computer networks, despite what the visionaries claim.

But it is also true that the so-called "digerati," as some mavens of digital culture have taken to calling themselves, are now the intellectual vanguard for an internationalist, libertarian worldview of global, amoral, stateless capitalism, and this is increasingly in conflict with the nativist, patriotic "family values" apparently ascendant in the American middle class. Eighty-six senators voted for the Exon bill, and it was an easy call for most of them. Americans are still ambivalent about cyberspace, but they know how they feel about pornography.

As the Internet and multinational corporations drift away from their national moorings, politics and morality seem to be burrowing deeper into the secure comforts of national culture. This is typically expressed in terms of national sovereignty, which is why cultural traditionalists, like Patrick Buchanan, are often zealous nationalists. But the global character of the Internet, and the culture it is engendering, challenges and weakens such parochialism, even as the Internet penetrates our homes and the computers on our office desks. And this is something that few of our politicians, including those eager to regulate cyberspace, have really begun to grasp.

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Ultimate abuse excuse justifies the Holocaust

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

A work of fiction which tries to justify aspects of the Holocaust has just been awarded the highest literary prize in Australia. It may be a sign of the times.

The novel, "The Hand That Signed the Paper," was written by a young Australian of Ukrainian descent who seeks to explain the widespread Ukrainian complicity in the Holocaust. Her central characters are the hands-on genocidal murderers of Treblinka, Babi Yar and the bloody streets of the Ukrainian cities through which many rampaging Ukrainians ran slaughtering Jewish babies, women and men.

Though the work purports to be fiction, its author acknowledges that "it would be ridiculous to pretend that this book is unhistorical." It is, however, precisely that — unhistorical — in that it totally distorts the truth. Worse, it is a cowardly book. The author, afraid to write a non-fiction apology for the Ukrainian genocide, lest she be rightly ostracized, smuggles her views into the mouths of her characters. These views include the most primitive manifestations of classic anti-Semitism: all Jews are Communists, cheats, smelly animals and otherwise subhuman. "The Jews" are responsible for all the problems in the Ukraine. "The Jews" killed Ukrainian babies.

All of the Jewish characters in the book are stereotypes — stick figures. They are described by reference to the size of their "big" noses or their membership in the Communist Party. Even when they are being murdered, the Jewish victims are given no humanity — they are merely numbers and groups who bear and kill each other. "Jewish Militiamen used staves to beat their own people with an energy she had not thought possible. Some of the Jewish children were already dead, their heads crushed by the heavy timber..."

The Ukrainian killers, on the other hand, all have loving families ("all Ukrainians love children") and kill out of mercy (Vitaly drives his bayonet into a baby and then shoots its father "in what he will always consider an act of mercy"). Even Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka cries.

Helen Demidenko begins her tale with the arrival of the Communist Commissars to the Ukraine during the early 1930s. All the Commissars are Jews who despise Ukrainians for no apparent reason. "The Jews burned [Ivan's] house down in front of him. With his parents and six brothers and sisters inside." That is why he "is mad" at the Jews and became "Ivan the Terrible" of Treblinka (115). The Jews treat the Ukrainians "like cattle." A "Jewess from Leningrad" refuses to treat a sick Ukrainian baby, declaring, "I am a physician, not a veterinarian."

By beginning her apologetic tale with the invasion of the "Jewish" Commissars, Demidenko makes the widespread Ukrainian complicity with the Nazis seem understandable. There is no recognition of the pervasiveness of anti-Semitism among many

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Ukrainians and the reality that the Communism of a tiny fraction of Jews provided nothing more than an excuse for those Ukrainians who even needed an excuse to murder those who so many of their priests had told them had killed their Savior.

To be sure, there were some righteous Ukrainians, but they were few and far between. Even the Germans were horrified by the savagery of many of the Ukrainian death camp guards.

Demidenko's greatest anger is directed against the Jewish survivors who sought to bring their Ukrainian tormentors to justice after the war by having them tried as war criminals. The "silver budge Zionists" are destroying the families of the Ukrainian killers who emigrated to Australia after the war. It is the Jews who are making them hate. "My sister is starting to hate.... My sister who never hated anything."

Demidenko's novel has been praised as a work of "redemptive power." But there is nothing redemptive in it. It is an excuse — the ultimate "abuse excuse" for genocide. The "Jewish Communists" abused us, the author suggests, so now you should understand why we abused them back. It all fits in so nicely to the contemporary mind set, in which "ethnic warfare" — among Serbs, Bosnians and Croats or Chechens and Russians — explains similar cycles of violence.

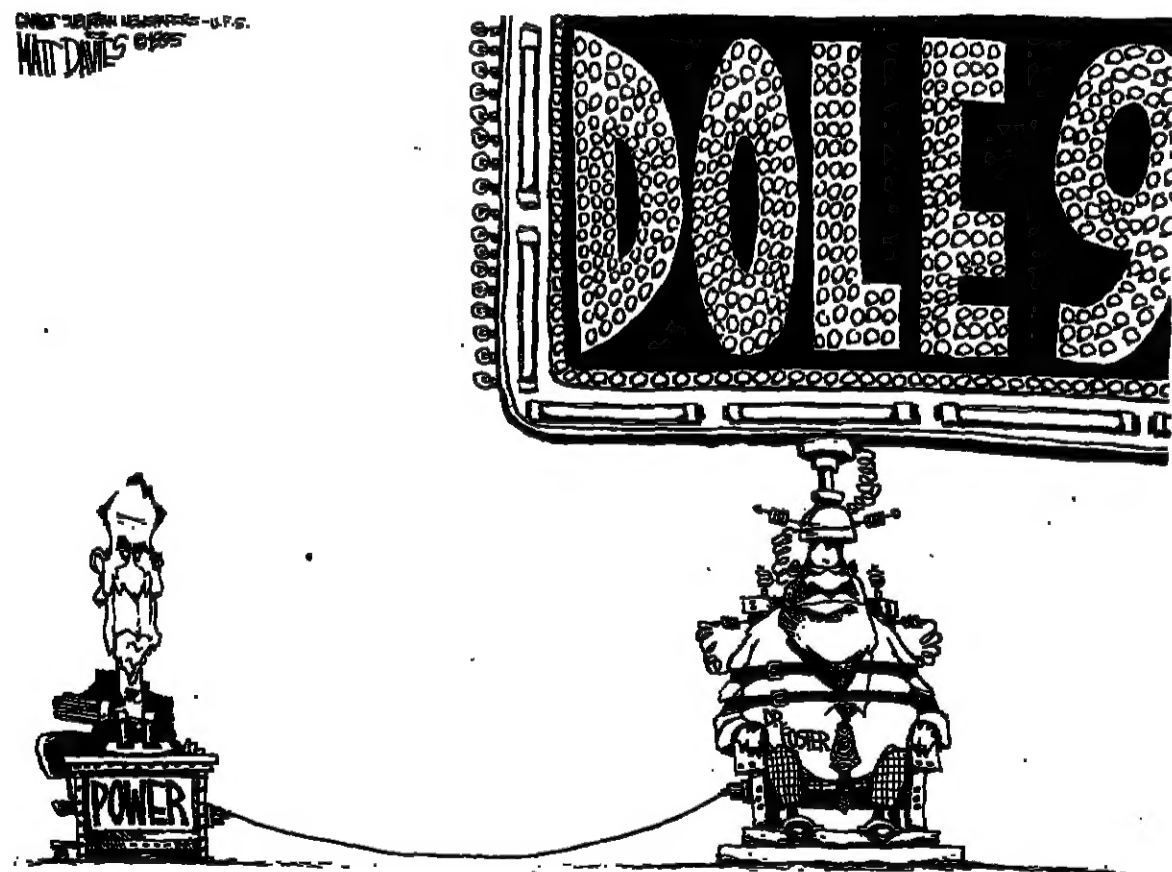
In her final attempt at redemption, Demidenko creates the mandatory cliché of the meeting at Treblinka between the relatives of a victim murdered at the death camp, and the relative of one of the killers. It is a poignant scene, a forgiving scene, a redemptive scene. But even in the final paragraph of the book, Demidenko cannot overcome her dehumanization of Jews. The victim whose relatives forgive was not even a Jew. "She was a Quaker."

Quakers were not killed at Treblinka — Jews were. But Demidenko cannot bring herself to confront the humanity of a Jew — even a half-century after the Holocaust. The only prize this book deserves is a prize for bigotry.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Pro-Lifers: We don't do AIDS

BY JENNIFER BRADLEY

Since February 1994, doctors, AIDS activists and anybody who reads the papers have known that treatment is available that dramatically reduces the chances a baby born to an HIV-positive woman will also have HIV.

If a woman receives AZT during the last six months of pregnancy and during delivery, and if her child receives AZT in the first weeks of life, the chances that the mother will pass her infection on to her child plummet from 25 to 8 percent. In other words, AZT could save thousands of what the pro-life movement calls pre-born or unborn children. You'd think that major pro-life groups would be thrilled with this news, and relentless in their promotion of treatment for HIV-positive pregnant women. At the very least, one of them might have put out a press release. But not one of the big pro-life players has acted on this year-old study.

Why not? Americans United for Life (AUL), like the National Right to Life Committee, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the American Life League, has nothing to say about AZT. AUL's chairman does say she's "done some reading" about the related, thornier issue of HIV testing for pregnant women. She wonders if routine HIV testing would "increase pressure on women to abort," because of worries about insurance coverage, or concerns about how to care for an HIV-positive child. "I understand people who want the testing for the purposes of getting AZT to the child. But it might be an unintended consequence [that there is] an increased pressure to abort."

It's a bizarre priority, this concern with potential abortions rather than with actual child mortality. And, in any case, AUL's chairman is almost certainly wrong. Many people who work with HIV-positive pregnant mothers say that efforts to detect and save HIV-positive fetuses and babies do not necessarily drive women to end their pregnancies. In fact, Richard Cizik, a policy analyst at the National Association of Evangelicals, says his experience has been just the opposite: "[The mother] hangs onto the life because that is her link with the future. It's her legacy." Shepherd Smith of Americans for a Sound AIDS/HIV Policy agrees. "Guess how many women we have worked

with have aborted," he asks. "Zero. It's fascinating. I would have never thought that. They understand they don't have much time left; they want to have the child." Is it possible that Smith is seeing an especially conservative clientele? "We help all AIDS groups, including an ACT-UP chapter in New York. Of the clients that we serve, I don't think they have a clue as to what our politics are."

Efforts to convince pro-life crisis pregnancy centers that they should protect an unborn child by offering IV tests have, however, failed miserably. And pro-life representatives seem to be way behind the curve on the matter. The National Right to Life Committee says it's "looking into the issue." When pressed on what "looking into" might mean — scientific studies, ethical reflection? — a

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spokeswoman says, "That's the amount of information we can give out.... At this time we're not going to be able to provide more detail to you." Helen Alvarez, speaking for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, sighs. "We simply don't have positions on every issue that exists. Taking multivitamins, drinking orange juice — there are so many life — and death-affecting issues.... We couldn't take a moral position on every issue that exists."

Lifesaving AZT is on a moral par with multivitamins? The American Life League (ALL) promises to have a position in "about a year." Their medical consultant, a retired ob/gyn, needs more time to review the literature. What he'll find is that the U.S. Public Health Service has already

recommended the treatment for all HIV-positive pregnant women (even though the efficacy has only been proven for HIV-positive women with high T-cell counts), as have major medical organizations such as the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists. The ALL's president says, though, that the organization would never lobby for mandatory AZT for pregnant HIV-positive women; her personal view is, "I don't believe the government has a right to be mandating anything."

Shepherd Smith of ASAP carefully emphasizes that the pro-life movement is not unique in avoiding the tangled world of AIDS-related policies and issues: "I would not characterize the pro-life community as any different in respect to not wanting to deal with this than anybody else I have met." But shouldn't the pro-life movement be a little different when it comes to pregnant women and infants? Pro-life partisans bristle when their pro-choice nemesis accuses them of caring only about unborn children and nothing about actual ones. When it comes to children who might be unnecessarily infected with HIV, the criticism is chillingly accurate.

The tiny and plucky Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians (membership just under 400) held a forum last December in which they discussed prenatal HIV infection. Their press release about the event ends with this curious sentence: "If we can point out that one of the benefits of abortion — avoiding HIV-infected children — is illusory, then we have accomplished our goal in hosting this forum." Hardly a rallying cry. Of course, the mainstream pro-life movement is hardly more likely to listen to this group than to its evangelical allies like Richard Cizik. Their obstinate refusal to address this issue makes one wonder if their pro-life principles stop at encompassing those women of childbearing age who are most likely to be HIV-positive: black or Hispanic and poor women. At least, though, one group is telling the wider pro-life community that they've made a mistake. One that means, as Cizik says, "We are consigning infants to unnecessary and premature death." That might be something a "pro-life" movement should care about.

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PEANUTS
by SNOOZE

OH, NO!

AAUGH!

I CAN'T STAND IT!

I JUST CAN'T STAND IT!

WHY ARE YOU WALKING LIKE THAT, BIG BROTHER?

BECAUSE WE LOST AGAIN!

THIS IS CALLED "THE LOSER'S WALK." THIS IS THE WAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WALK WHEN YOU'VE LOST AGAIN.

ALSO CALLED "THE WHIPPED PUPPY"

Ske
By JEFF MEYER

THINK OF IT, UNCLE GEORGE! FROM THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY WILL COME GREAT INTO OUR LIVING ROOM.

WHOOPEE.

DID YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

YEAH, MORE EYES AND MORE STUFF THAT BREAKS.

NO! THIS MEANS YOUR TV WILL BECOME MORE THAN AN ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.

IT WILL BE OUR TELEPHONE, OUR COMPUTER, OUR LIBRARY, OUR SHOPPING MALL!

IMAGINE WHAT YOU'LL GET WHEN YOU MIX ALL THE SLOWEST TECHNOLOGIES WITH A NATION OF COUGH POTATOES!

YEAH...

YOU'LL BE CONNECTED TO THE WORLD WIDE WEB FROM THIS CHAIR.

A NATION OF COUGH PRES.

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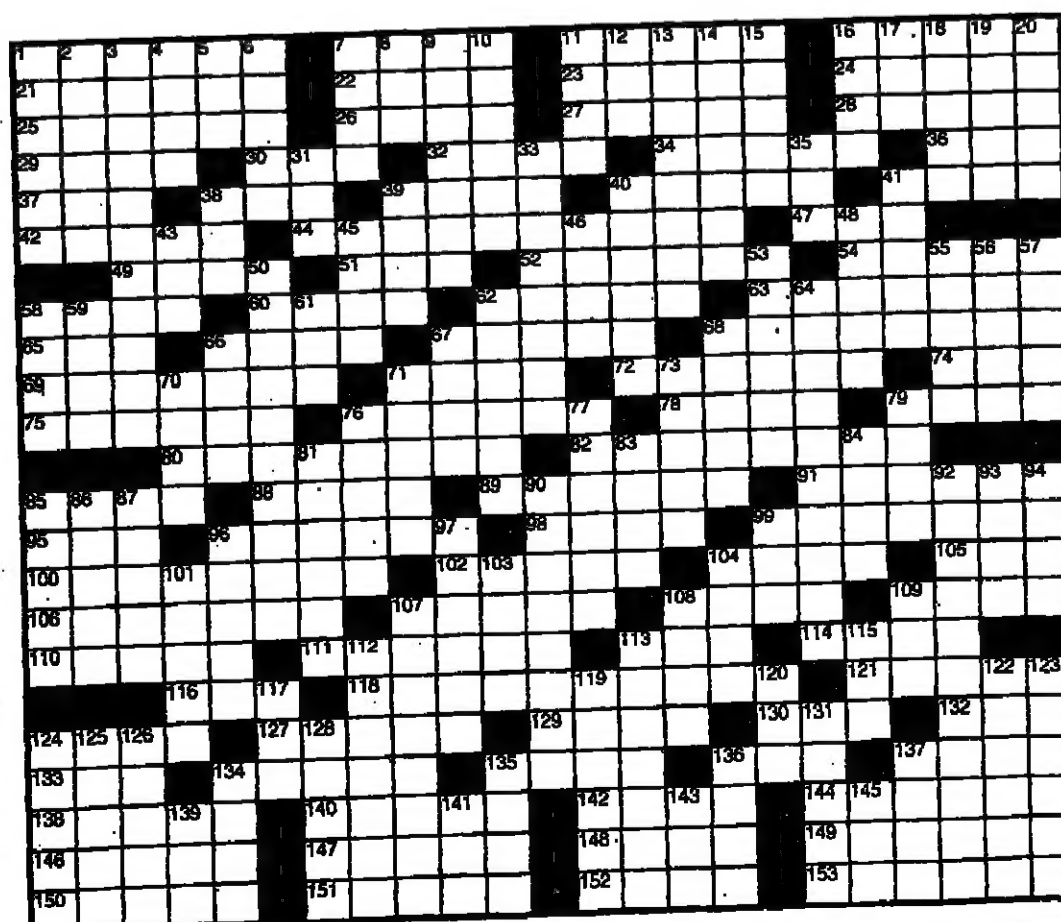
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China makes big business from executed prisoners

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

Remember those two Americans who wandered haplessly across the Iraqi border a few months ago and now sit in an Iraqi prison? What were their names again? You needn't worry about the name "Harry Wu" fading from the nation's consciousness quite so fast. There are many reasons for this, and some are valid. Before being arrested upon trying to re-enter China, Wu had worked fearlessly to expose the gruesome interior of Chinese prisons. Most famously, he had gathered evidence that Chinese officials sell the organs of executed prisoners, sometimes even rescheduling executions to meet peak demand. All of which entitles Wu to legitimate star status.

More dubious is the way news about Wu and his revelations has been amplified, and sometimes warped, by aging cold warriors like Jesse Helms, whose worldview lost its simple clarity back when the Berlin Wall fell. For them Wu is not merely someone who has shed valuable light on important problems; he is a gift from God — someone who has brought Satan back into their lives. It was Helms who convened the recent hearings in which Wu rehearsed earlier revelations about organ-selling

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(and Helms who used the occasion to trot out anecdotal evidence about fetus-eating in China). And it is Helms, among others, who will now want to make the immediate release of Wu paramount, even if that risks sending China back into a cold-war shell. China is, after all, a nation that sells the organs of its prisoners.

Clearly, the Chinese penal system is abhorrent. But that's true of many nations we've stayed on speaking terms with. (I don't recall Helms investigating the Shah's prisons.) If Helms is going to use things like organ-selling to label China uniquely monstrous, could we at least get clear on the logic. What exactly is it

about this organ-selling business that's evil?

Presumably it's not the mere idea of using a guilty person's death to save an innocent person's life. If after Ted Bundy's execution you could have given his liver to some child who would otherwise die, would you have done so? Maybe you consider the question debatable, but surely you don't consider people who take the utilitarian side of the argument totalitarian monsters. Of course, China doesn't execute only Ted Bundies. China has political prisoners and has been known to kill them. Obviously, that's bad. But what's obviously bad about it is imprisoning

Plainly, the organ-selling scene in China is rife with difficult moral questions.

or killing people because of their beliefs, not using any resulting corpses to save lives.

Is it the selling of organs — "to wealthy Asians" — that's so creepy? Surely Americans are in no position to complain about using the profit motive to save lives (even if prison wardens aren't the ones who in our system make the profit). And surely we can't complain about the inequitable effect of market-allocated medical resources; here, as in China, the rich and powerful get the best health care, including lifesaving breaks. Mickey Mantle is a long-time alcohol abuser — a fact that, according to the guidelines which supposedly govern organ donations in America, should have complicated his recent quest for a liver. But Mantle got a new liver almost overnight. Meanwhile, somewhere in America, some penniless uninsured sap walked into an emergency room with alcohol on his breath, complaining of pain somewhere around his liver. What do you suppose became of him?

As for execution dates being moved up to accommodate organ recipients: If accelerating Ted Bundy's death by a week would save the life of your son or daughter or sibling, would the idea acquire some moral plausibility? Again: you may answer no, but can you really call people who answer yes Stalinist goons, or even un-American? In any event, the Jesse Helmses of the world are all for accelerating executions — not to save anyone's life, just on principle.

There are some nagging questions that

bother even a bloodless utilitarian like me. The main one is whether the profit motive (further) corrupts the judicial system, raising the number of death sentences handed down. Wu has no evidence to this effect, and the best guess is that organ-selling results from freelancing prison officials, not a nationally coordinated plan. Still, this is a crucial question, and if Helms had used his hearings to ask it, he would have done a public service. But his sole aim is mind-numbing propaganda, and it seems to work. Just this week, NPR's "Morning Edition" reported that Wu has gathered "evidence that Chinese prisoners were being executed to provide donor organs for wealthy Asians." This is, indeed, the way Helms tells the story. But surely a journalist should add that, so far as Wu knows, all prisoners "executed to provide donor organs" were going to be executed anyway.

Plainly, the organ-selling scene in China is rife with difficult moral questions. The point is simply that we don't have enough data to deem the practice immoral in some universal, self-evident sense; the issue is a bit more complicated than it at first looks. Jesse Helms would like to keep things simple: China is evil, beyond the pale. Well, what China is pretty awful — better, on balance, than five years ago, but much worse than we'd like it to be. The overriding question should be: How can we benignly influence the arduous process of getting it from here to there?

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GOP vs. Perot

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Ross Perot has privately expressed concern that Republicans are getting so many tickets for the Aug. 11-13 national convention of his United We Stand organization in Dallas that they may dominate the audience.

That threatens to change the nonpartisan atmosphere that Perot wants and replace it with a Republican pep rally. While many GOP presidential candidates will be there, also on the speaking schedule are such notable Democrats as Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt and Sen. Christopher Dodd, general chairman of the Democratic Party.

A footnote: White House aides made clear to President Clinton that they would be very unhappy if he attended the Perot convention. One former senior aide said he would not even be able to vote for his former boss if Clinton went to Dallas. Clinton will not attend.

BUCHANAN & BENNETT

William J. Bennett is telling friends that the quotation in the *New Yorker* magazine saying that Republican presidential hopeful Patrick J. Buchanan is still "flirting with fascism" is four years out of date and does not represent his current viewpoint.

When Buchanan challenged President George Bush for the Republican nomination in 1992, Bennett's "flirting with fascism" comment caused a storm. Bennett has told friends that when asked about it in the *New Yorker* interview, he replied that the description was accurate in 1992. But the magazine's story made it appear that it expressed his current feelings. That led Bay Buchanan, the candidate's sister and campaign manager, to accuse Bennett of "slander."

In the interview, Bennett recommended against a prime-time speaking spot for Buchanan at the 1996 Republican national convention. Party leaders feel strongly that whenever he speaks, Buchanan's remarks must be cleared in advance by the party nominee, which was not the case at the Houston convention in 1992.

ANOTHER SWITCHER?

The long-rumored switch by Rep. Billy Tauzin of Louisiana from Democrat to Republican is now expected to come sooner rather than later, helped along by a Mason-Dixon state poll released this week.

The survey shows Tauzin leading the field in Louisiana's non-party election for the Senate next year whether he runs as a Democrat or a Republican. Tauzin would get 22 percent as a Democrat and 24 percent as a Republican for the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. J. Bennett Johnston. (with Republican Rep. Jim McCrery running second in both polls).

That indicates, said one Tauzin confidant, that he would be switching parties for "philosophy" rather than for "politics." Tauzin recently led three other conservative Democrats in resigning from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee to protest the tactics of House Minority Whip David Bonior. One of the four, Rep. Greg Laughlin of Texas, became a Republican two weeks ago.

'REPUBLICAN' MORRIS

Consultant Dick Morris, who has become Clinton's top strategist, is listed in the National Republican Congressional Committee's guide of approved consultants. He is cited for previous work in campaigns of Senators Trent Lott and Jesse Helms and Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

Committee officials are not disposed to include Morris in the next edition of the guide. Privately, they say that if Republican candidates were to inquire about Morris, the recommendation would be not to use him. Senate Majority Whip Lott is particularly upset about Morris' ascension in the Clinton camp. Lott had recommended him to GOP colleagues after Morris had promised him that he would work only for Republicans.

TARGETING HATFIELD

Democratic strategists are targeting five-term Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, as a vulnerable incumbent for 1996 but are worried about the caliber of the opposition.

The top Democratic choice to run against Hatfield is Rep. Ron Wyden, but so far, he has insisted he is not interested. Neither of the announced challengers — businessman Harry Lonsdale, a two-time Senate loser, and former state party chairman Joe Smith — strikes fear in the hearts of Republicans.

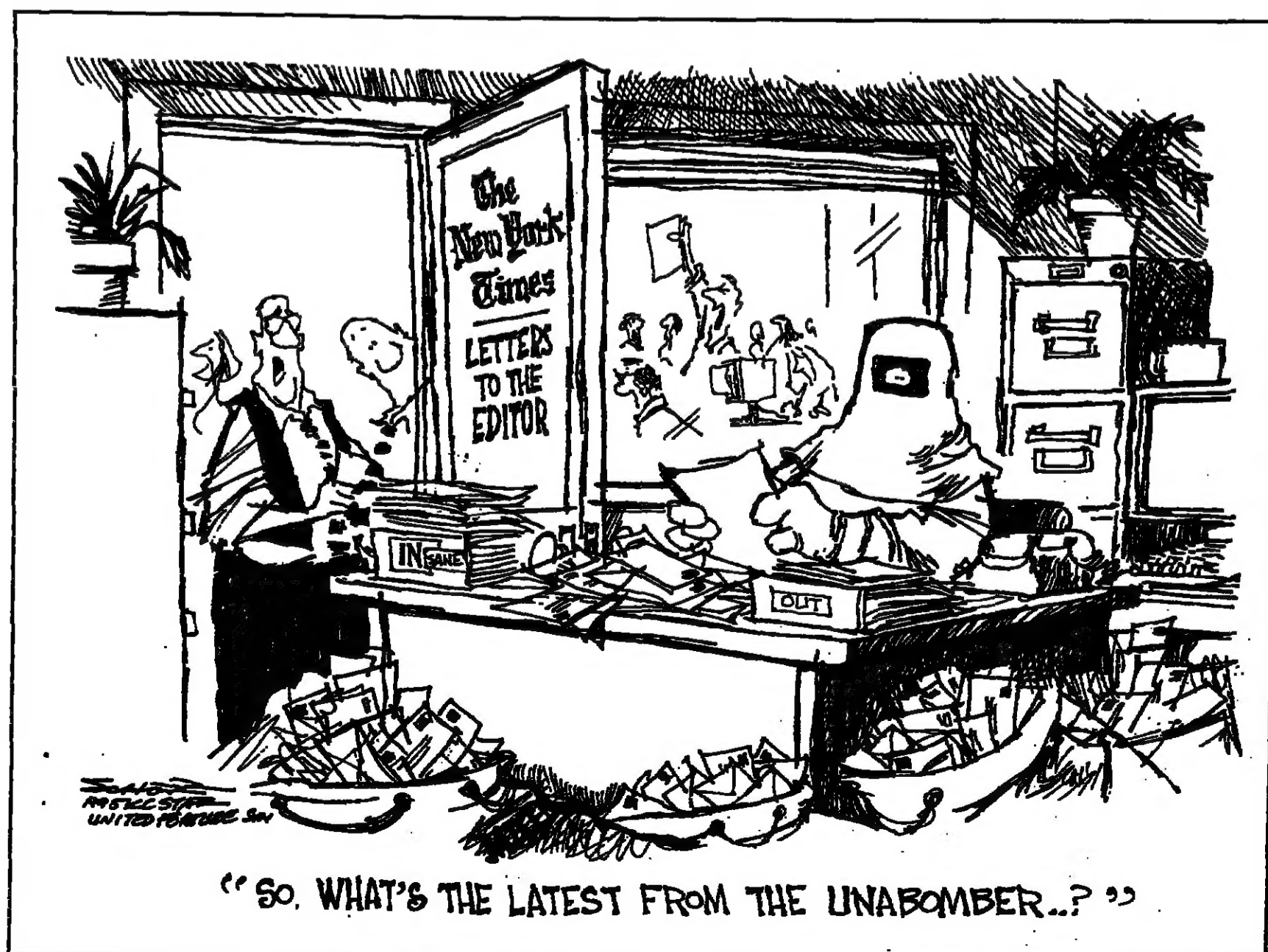
Hatfield, who enraged many GOP loyalists when he cast the decisive vote against the balanced budget constitutional amendment in March, has not yet announced whether he will seek re-election. Talk of a primary challenge against him has died down, although state Senate President Gordon Smith and 1994 House candidate Bill Witt once hinted at it. If Hatfield retires, both men would likely join State School Superintendent Norma Paulus in a GOP primary.

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The lighter joys of the darkroom

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

If you have never seen a print take form in the developer, you've missed one of the more satisfying experiences in life. Printing black-and-white photographs is as easy as expose, develop, stop, fix and dry.

Today's quick times are measured in seconds and minutes, instead of minutes and hours as in the early days of photography.

Let's go step by step. First prepare your chemicals in trays away from the enlarger. Temperatures should range between 18° and 21°. If the developer is too cold, the print will come out dull and flat, while if it is too hot it fogs the grays and highlights. In winter I use a lukewarm hot-water bottle under my developing tray to maintain a reasonable temperature.

Next select a well-exposed, well-developed negative, one that exhibits a full range of tones. A good negative makes printing easier, especially for the beginner. Make sure the negative is dust-free. If there are any water spots (residue from droplets of dried water) on the film's shiny cellulose side, remove these by gently rubbing nose grease on the surface with your finger. Do not touch the duller, emulsion, side.

Place the negative in the enlarger; stop, or close, the lens down at least two clicks below the maximum aperture.

Settings of f/5.6 or f/8 are generally the most practical. Turn off the white light, working only under safelight until the final rinse.

Focus and size the image on the easel. The use of a special magnifier, called a focusing aid, enables one to focus on the film grain, thus ensuring the sharpest image.

Even the best darkroom workers cannot look at a negative and determine an exact exposure time. For the optimum exposure time, make a test print. For example, cover four-fifths of a sheet of paper and ex-

pose the negative for two seconds. Move the cover back so that three-fifths of the paper is covered, and expose again for another two seconds, and so forth, until the fifth exposure is made when the sheet is entirely uncovered.

When the test print is processed, there will be five stripes, representing exposures of two, four, six, eight and 10 seconds. Select the stripe with ideal tonality, not too dark or too light. And if, for instance, six seconds are a touch dark and four a tad light, expose the final print for five seconds.

Now we go for the big one, the final print. Recheck the settings: the timer and aperture. Reexamine the focus with the magnifier and take a second look at the image on the easel to see that it is properly aligned. Mistakes cost time and money.

Turn off the enlarger and place the paper on the easel with the shiny, emulsion, side up and remember to close the light-tight paper container. Hit the timer button. As soon as the paper is exposed, slide it into the developer. I tip the tray, place the corner of the paper in the deep end, then level the tray so that the first wave of developer washes evenly over the whole print. Throughout development (around a minute these days), agitate the tray by gently rocking it.

Be sure the developer is fresh. Developer that has turned darkish brown is exhausted and should be discarded. Always develop for the full recommended time, the same as the test print. Shortened development may result in unevenness, mottling or loss of contrast. Drip off the developer before transferring the paper to the stop or clean water bath.

The use of a stop bath is discretionary. The stop solution chemically neutralizes the developer, thereby instantly halting development. However, dumping the developed print in a tray of fresh water and



A test print shows five gradients, light to dark, imbedded in the final print. (David Brauner)

swishing it about for five seconds is also adequate.

Transfer the drained print to the fixer tray. Fixing times are usually two to five minutes. Again it is important to agitate at regular intervals. Do not over- or under-fix, and be sure the fixative is not exhausted.

Manufacturers usually express fixer capacity in terms of the number of sheets that can be fixed per liter.

Allow the excess fixer on the print to

drip back into the tray, then place the fixed print in a tray of running water. One can hang a showerhead into a tray with clothes pegs clipped to it to prevent the picture from washing over the edge with the water. Switch on the white light and enjoy the results.

Put prints on an old dish drainer and allow prints 30 minutes to dry. If the print is less than perfect on the first try, don't be discouraged. Printing may be a challenge, but it is also easy.

Grooming keeps hot dogs happy

HEADS 'N' TAILS
DYORA BEN SHAUL

SUMMER is a time when pet owners must be especially conscious of the needs of their animals.

Not only is it the season to watch for ectoparasites such as ticks and fleas, but it's vital that owners remember to groom pets regularly throughout the summer months.

As the weeds and grasses dry out, they are loaded with different types of burrs and seeds. Some seeds are dispersed by attaching themselves to the pelts of animals, which then carry them to new places.

Since many of these seeds can cause serious problems, it is important to remove them from the pet. This is less of a problem in cats, who do a pretty good job of removing seeds from their coats, but even cats need a hand now and then, especially when the burr or seed is in a place the cat cannot easily reach.

The main problem is with dogs, particularly those with long sweeping ears like cocker spaniels and many of the hunting breeds.

Grass seeds that attach to the fur on the ears can easily get inside the ear - a recipe for trouble. The seeds of many grasses are designed to burrow into the soil by an arrangement of small scales or spicules along their awns which enable the seed to move freely in one direction.

When a seed like this gets into the dog's ear it keeps moving inwards, and can reach the middle or even the inner ear. Usually when this happens the veterinarian will have to remove the seed

with an otoscope; sometimes the dog will need an anesthetic for this procedure. Serious, at times even fatal, infections often result if the condition is left untreated.

Always groom dogs as soon as they come in from an area where they have been walking in grasses and weeds. Remove all burrs and grass seeds from the pet, and pay special attention to the ears to see that there are no foreign bodies clinging to the fur or inside the ear.

In only a few hours, a grass seed at the edge of the ear can be deep inside and already out of sight. Watch the dog (or cat) for signs of a foreign body in the ear. This is usually manifested by pawing at the ear, holding the head to one side with the bothersome ear on the down side and repeated shaking of the head and ears.

When this is noted, it almost always means either a foreign body or an ear infection, both of which need immediate attention.

Make sure that animals have plenty of fresh water to drink at all times, especially in the summer. If you travel with a dog, take a water dish along to offer fresh water when you stop. And remember, never leave a dog in a car in the summer, not even for a short time. Many dogs die every year from being left in parked vehicles.

Don't yield to the temptation to clip off a dog's fur in order to "keep it cool." Dogs do not sweat through the skin and clipping actually makes them hotter. Give them plenty of water and a shady area to be in and they will be much better off.

In today's cities, there's no room for seclusion

TWO hundred meters into the southern end of Central Park, a stone's throw from the Plaza Hotel, Bergdorf Goodman and some of New York's more exclusive apartment buildings, there is an outcropping of rocks crowned by an elegant wooden gazebo and flanked on two sides by a stand of pine trees.

It is an intimate haven, secluded from the bustle of the city - and a thriving drug market. "This would be a beautiful place to have lunch," said architect Richard Dattner, as he watched a dealer run back and forth between cache and customer. "But it's cut off from the street. It's too remote. Spaces like this don't work anymore."

If Central Park were redesigned today, it wouldn't have quiet gazebos and private nooks. In a city consumed by fear of violence and crime, seclusion has become synonymous with danger. New parks are wide open, with no clumps of trees, hollows or obtrusive walls that can obscure or cast too long a shadow.

These are the new principles of urban design throughout the US, the rules for the uncivil city that stress that all corners be open to the light and to watchful eyes.

In New York over the past few years, these principles have been aggressively applied in the renovation and construction of public spaces and buildings, and they are a major reason some of Manhattan's more prominent public spaces - from the Port Authority Bus Terminal to midtown's Bryant Park - are much safer now.

But some architects and urban planners have begun to ask whether these efforts at saving cities have come at the expense of the very things that help make cities livable in the first place: the spaces and buildings that provide refuge and variety within the often cold urban landscape.

"What's been lost is choice, the ability to be alone," New York architect Robert Geddis said.

SECURITY HAS long been a preoccupation of architects and urban designers. Along Broadway on Manhattan's Upper West Side are numerous turn-of-the-century buildings, designed in the manner of medieval fortresses, that face the street with single, gated entrances opening to private, internal courtyards.

In the 1960s, the influential writings of Jane Jacobs turned that idea on its head. The street, she said, should be embraced.

Jacobs valued the chaos and spontaneity of the street. But the new principles of urban design are a dramatic departure from her vision; they are, instead, a deliberate attempt to structure the chaos of the city.

The quintessential example of these new ideas is New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal, which, with some 7,000 buses coming and going each day, is the world's busiest. In 1990, 5,000 criminal complaints were filed in the building. Crack addicts got high in the stairwells. Hundreds of homeless men slept in the station each night.

Today, the terminal has been almost entirely reclaimed. Crime has been cut in half. On a typical day there are no vagrants lying on the floors, and upscale retailers have begun to open shop in the station's once-abandoned commercial strip.

There are several reasons for the turnaround, but the biggest change was architectural: The Port Authority realized that the reason the terminal was out of control was that the building itself was uncontrollable. Opened in 1950 and expanded haphazardly, the terminal's design made surveillance almost impossible.

"When the terminal was built, they put in all kinds of nooks and crannies, because no one thought about this kind of stuff," terminal director Ken Philmus said.

Authority contractors put locks and bars on the crawl spaces above the bus docking bays, which had provided a warm haven for the homeless in winter. They sealed dark spaces under the stairs and areas behind support columns where crack addicts would hide and get high.

They brightened the lighting in every open space and corridor and next to every pay telephone and kiosk. They repainted dark walls with light colors. They knocked out walls and opaque panels facing waiting rooms and installed clear glass. And the authority put attendants in every washroom, regardless of size.

NO ONE would quarrel with the changes at the bus terminal. But consider the impact of the same philosophy at Bryant Park, behind the midtown, main branch of the New York Public Library.

Built in 1934, the park was surrounded by a wall and could be entered only through a few narrow gateways. The outer rim of the park was raised from street level, with a row of protective

trees, and the interior was sunken, so once inside, a visitor was cut off from the scrutiny of passersby on the sidewalk.

Inside, the park was further divided by shrubs and fences. It was, in short, the ultimate in urban seclusion, and a criminal's delight. By the 1980s, Bryant Park was one of the country's largest outdoor drug markets.

The park was reopened in 1992, after being pried open like an oyster. Shrubs and trees that blocked lines of sight were removed. Security guards patrol it constantly. Walls were pulled down to make the interior visible from the street.

Bryant Park is now considered one of the jewels of the revitalized midtown, but its character has been irrevocably changed.

The point of the original design was to provide a "sanctuary and a retreat from the street, an internalized space, because the city was considered bustling and dirty," said Laurie Olin, the Philadelphia landscape architect who directed the redesign of the park.

What has been lost, in the name of safety, is the idea of the park as a sanctuary. It now provides respite from the city, Olin said, only for those "who can be one with themselves in the middle of a crowd."

(The Washington Post)

Wonder battery may make electric cars common

OFFICIALS at Battery Automated Transportation International Inc. say they have developed a battery that could make the electric car commonplace.

The Burbank, California, company says its new fiber nickel cadmium battery can power a "normal" electric car up to 240 km. between charges - about 80 km. more than current electric-car batteries.

But more than that, BAT International says its new battery can be recharged to at least 50-percent capacity within five minutes.

That's a gigantic advance over the four to 16 hours needed to conduct the same recharging operation with conventional lead-acid batteries.

"It is a miracle," said BAT International President Joseph LaStella.

If BAT International's claims are true, the battery would eliminate arguments by automakers and critics against the mass production and widespread introduction of electric-powered vehicles in the US, where there now are only about 3,000 such vehicles on the road.

For years, opponents of electric cars and trucks have complained that, along with suffering operating problems, the vehicles are prohibitively expensive alternatives to fossil-fueled models.

But BAT International claims that, at least in operating costs,

its battery beats gasoline by 7 cents a mile - about 2 cents a mile in battery costs, compared with 9.2 cents a mile for gasoline-powered vehicles - even though the price of an electric vehicle is about double that of a fossil-fueled vehicle.

The battery in question was developed by Germany's Daimler-Benz about 10 years ago and has been marketed in the US over the past decade by the aerospace division of Acme Electric Corp. "But it was used primarily in military aircraft, such as the Air Force's F-16 fighter jets," LaStella said.

A group of environmental, political and regulatory forces have come together to push the fiber nickel cadmium battery into the consumer market, LaStella said.

BAT International and Acme had long discussed putting a version of the fiber nickel cadmium battery into cars and trucks. "But there didn't seem to be much interest on the part of the auto companies. So the project was dropped," LaStella said.

A national push for tougher clean-air rules changed that. Congress in 1992 amended the Clean Air Act to require car companies to take additional steps to reduce exhaust emissions.

CALIFORNIA WENT a big step further. By 1998, 2 percent of all new cars sold by automakers in that state must be "zero-emission" models - in effect, electric

cars. That requirement will affect 10 percent of all new vehicles sold in California by 2003.

Automakers worldwide have been pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into technology to meet California's mandate, even while they have been spending millions in a lobbying campaign to prevent California's clean-air program from taking root in other states.

Spokesmen for the US's biggest car companies said they have not had a chance to thoroughly examine BAT International's battery claims.

"But if they're true, we'd want them to include us [as customers]," said an official at Ford Motor Co., who did not want to be identified. "We've heard so many claims like this, especially about the quick recharging. We're skeptical."

Gary Purcell, project director for battery-powered vehicles at the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto, California, said the car companies are well aware of the existence of batteries such as that developed by BAT International.

The official definition of "quick recharge" is the ability to restore a battery to at least 50 percent of its power in less than 10 minutes, Purcell said. Several battery companies, including Norvik Tractor Inc. in Mississauga, Ontario, and Texas-based Electrosources Inc., have already

demonstrated that ability, Purcell said.

"The problem is that you have two factions within the car companies - people who want to work for the development of electric vehicles and those who want to work against it. That's why they often seem to be saying two things at once," Purcell said.

LaStella said he hopes to start putting the fiber nickel cadmium batteries into cars in 1996, and he said he plans to be in full-scale production by 1997, in time to take advantage of the California mandate.

But critics, such as those at the conservative Reason Foundation in Los Angeles, believe that even LaStella's battery won't be enough to interest the general public in electric cars.

For example, LaStella's definition of a "normal" car is a Geo Metro, the subcompact model his company has been converting to electric operation.

But subcompact cars account for less than 2 percent of all cars sold in the US, said Kenneth P. Green, a Reason Foundation official who has been overseeing research on the marketing feasibility of electric vehicles.

"It would be fascinating if he [LaStella] could meet his claims. But there are a whole lot of other considerations" that could hamper the introduction of electric vehicles, Green said.

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DRIVE CAREFULLY

Canadians sprint out of Johnson's shadow

TORONTO (AP) — Elated by the world's fastest 100-meter times this year, two Canadian sprinters hope at long last to escape the shadow of the Ben Johnson scandal with medals at the upcoming world championships in Sweden.

Even seven years after the steroids case that shook the Seoul Olympics, Canadian track and field remains scarred by the Johnson debacle. Athletes who set national records routinely face drug tests in an effort to reassure a suspicious public.

"We've come a long way since 1988," said Donovan Bailey after his Canadian record 9.91 in the national championships Saturday. "There's no way any sprinter or athlete in Canada would be that illiterate to try and fool the people again."

Right on Bailey's heels in Saturday's

race was Bruny Surin in 9.97, the second fastest time in the world this year.

"I can't be sad about being second," Surin said. "I've been looking to run under 10 seconds for years."

Both men — and their 4x100 relay team — will be among the medal favorites at the world championships next month in Göteborg, Sweden. They likely will be top contenders again at the Olympics in Atlanta next year.

After Johnson's positive test for steroids cost him the 1988 gold medal, Canada instituted an extensive testing program for banned performance-enhancing drugs. The Canadian Center for Drug-Free Sport spends \$1.5 million yearly to conduct about 2,200 tests on athletes.

Bailey, 27, said he's been tested 15 to 20

times in the past year, including after Saturday's race. He's passed every one.

"I wouldn't be asked about it in Europe, but the whole North American attitude is that everyone running fast is taking steroids," he said. "Canadian sprinters are probably the most tested athletes in the world."

Bailey recalled his intense dismay when he learned of the Johnson scandal.

"He was basically the role model for all sprinters in Canada," Bailey said. "That's why the sport died after 1988. There was such a huge letdown."

Surin is relatively well-known — a three-time national champion who finished fourth at 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. Bailey, by contrast, admitted that he hadn't lived up to his potential until last year.

Last summer, he ran 10.03, only 1-100th of a second off Surin's former Canadian record.

He came out even faster this year, setting the Canadian record of 9.99 seconds in April in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. That stood as the world's best time this year until he shattered the mark Saturday in Montreal — which just happens to be Surin's home town.

Now, Bailey is the first Canadian ranked No. 1 in the world since Johnson, whose records have virtually all been expunged.

No one is more excited than Canada's head sprint coach, Mike Murray, who groped for a superlative.

"We have the fastest two people in the world, maybe in the whole universe," he said.

Fernandez stifles Cards for first victory in '95

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sid Fernandez struck out 10 and walked none in six shutout innings for his first win in more than a year as the Phillies blanked the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday night.

Fernandez, whose last win came July 15, 1994, against California when he was pitching for Baltimore, gave up consecutive singles in the first, then retired 15 batters in a row.

Fernandez (1-1) allowed only three hits in his second start since being signed by the Phillies July 13 after being waived by the Orioles on July 9.

Toby Borland closed out the victory with three shutout innings for his second save.

Mets 12, Rockies 1
Pete Harnisch pitched seven shutout innings and visiting New York broke open the game with an eighth-inning homer, beating Colorado for their seventh win in nine games since the All-Star break.

Jose Vizcaino drove in three runs and Joe Orsulak had four of the Mets' 18 hits.

Brett Butler, who had three straight four-hit games and was 15 for his last 20, went 0-for-4, the only Mets starter without a hit.

Padres 9, Braves 6

Archi Cianfrocco, called up from the minors after the Padres voted not to put a replacement player on their roster, hit a grand slam and drove in six runs as San Diego rallied past the host Braves.

Cianfrocco, batting for just the second time since his promotion Wednesday, connected for a pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning for a 6-4 lead. He added a two-run single in the ninth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians 6, Athletics 1

Cleveland continued their domination of the host Athletics as streaking Dennis Martinez pitched a six-hitter and Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer in a 6-1 victory.

Albert Belle and Tony Pena also homered off Oakland's Todd Stottlemyre (8-3), as the Indians beat the A's for the 11th straight time.

Martinez (9-0) is 10-0 in his last 18 starts, dating back to July 31, 1994.

Red Sox 13, Twins 5

Mo Vaughn hit his second grand slam of the year and Troy O'Lary, John Valentin and Mike Greenwell added solo homers as host Boston routed Minnesota.

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Los Angeles 4, Florida 3
Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 6
Cincinnati 10, Chicago 1
San Diego 9, Atlanta 6
San Francisco 6, Houston 3
Pittsburgh 7, Montreal 6, 12 innings
New York 13, Colorado 1

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Colorado 7, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles 4, Florida 2 (10)
Montreal 4, Chicago 6
Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 3
Houston 11, San Francisco 4
St. Louis 8, New York 6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	46	29	.613	—
Philadelphia	42	36	.538	6.5
Montreal	39	40	.488	10
New York	32	48	.410	16.5
Florida	29	46	.387	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	48	27	.643	—
Houston	43	34	.558	6.5
Chicago	36	41	.467	13.5
Pittsburgh	34	40	.459	14
St. Louis	34	46	.425	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	43	35	.551	—
Los Angeles	39	39	.500	4
San Diego	38	41	.480	6.5
San Francisco	38	42	.475	7

Reds trade Sanders to Giants

CINCINNATI (Reuters) — The Cincinnati Reds traded outfielder Deion Sanders and four other players to the San Francisco Giants on Friday for starter Mark Portugal, reliever Dave Burba and outfielder Darren Lewis.

Sanders is batting .240 with a homer, 10 RBI and 16 steals in 33 games this season.

Sanders is currently a free agent in the NFL, and the trade means the Super Bowl champion 49ers could have an inside track on re-signing him.

Portugal is 5-5 with a 4.15 ERA in 17 starts this season. Lewis, one of the game's best defensive centerfielders, is hitting .252 with a homer, 16 RBI and 21 steals in 74 games.

Boston also scored two runs after three errors by Pedro Martinez, who was playing first base for the second time in his career.

Greenwell was activated from the disabled list before the game and went 2-for-5.

Yankees 9, Rangers 3
After being held hitless through the first four innings, New York batted around in the fifth and then capitalized on four walks and three wild pitches in the eighth to best visiting Texas 9-3.

Winner Dave Eiland (1-0) gave up seven hits and a walk before retiring the sixth and leaving with a 4-3 lead. Pat Kelly, Wade Boggs, Bernie Williams and Paul O'Neill had RBIs, his off. Kenny Rogers (9-5) in the fifth.

It was the third victory in a row for New York, and the season-high fifth straight win for the Rangers.

Orioles 10, Royals 6

Bret Barberie's first career grand slam capped a six-run fourth inning and visiting Baltimore banged out a 10-6 victory over the stumbling Royals.

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Boston 13, Minnesota 5
Detroit 4, Seattle 3
Milwaukee 5, Chicago 2
New York 8, Texas 3
Baltimore 10, Kansas City 6
Cleveland 6, Oakland 3
Detroit 4, California 3

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Seattle 4, Milwaukee 3
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2 (13)
Cleveland 6, Texas 5
Oakland 6, Detroit 3
California 10, Toronto 3
New York 8, Kansas City 4
Boston 3, Chicago 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	44	33	.571	—
Baltimore	38	39	.494	6
Seattle	38	41	.481	7
New York	36	40	.474	7.5
Toronto	33	44	.432	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	54	22	.711	—
Minnesota	40	37	.519	14.5
Kansas City	38	38	.500	17
Chicago	31	45	.406	23
Minnesota	28	51	.354	29.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	46	38	.550	—
Texas	42	36	.538	4
Seattle	38	40	.487	8
Oakland	39	42	.481	8.5

Brazil beats upstart US 1-0 to reach Copa America final

MALDONADO, Uruguay (AP) — Brazil beat the United States 1-0 Thursday with a first-half header from defender Aldair to qualify for the final of the Copa America.

The US, which upset Argentina and Mexico on its way to the semi-finals, failed to live up to its pre-match billing as a giant-killer and struggled throughout the first half with the skill and almost-constant possession by the Brazilians.

World Cup holders Brazil, bidding for its fifth South American title, will play Uruguay in the final today.

In the first 10 minutes of a match often played at walking pace, Brazil twice came close to opening the scoring.

Winger Roberto Carlos saw a 20-meter shot go just wide and Zinho later shaved the left-hand post from outside the box.

After 13 minutes, Zinho floated a free kick from the left side of the penalty area and defender Aldair rose unchallenged

to beat US goalkeeper Brad Friedel to score with a point-blank header.

The midfield triangle of Zinho, Dunga and Juninho proved too much for the Americans and Edmundo, taking advantage of a poor header from roving defender Lalas, came centimeters away from widening the lead after 23 minutes.

In a more physical second half, the US picked up their game and Brazil, happy to sit back on a slender lead, began to lose their composure.

The US came close to tying with a header from Alexi Lalas shortly after the break and striker Eric Wynalda began to trouble the opposition defense.

However Wynalda had to be substituted after 77 minutes, after pulling a muscle in his leg.

Brazil, pinned back in their own half and looking physically tired, suffered in the closing quarter of the match and was forced to rely on swift counterattacks.

Harold Larwood dies at 90

SYDNEY, Australia — Harold Larwood, the England fast bowler who was the scourge of Australia's batsmen during the controversial 1932-33 Bodyline cricket series, died in a Sydney hospital yesterday, his family announced.

Larwood, entered the hospital two weeks ago with a chest infection.

His biographer and friend Kevin Perkins said the cause of his death was a combination of pneumonia and a stroke.

Larwood, who was 90, was the principal weapon when England captain Douglas Jardine opted to use short, fast-pitched bowling at the body to counter the skills of Sir Donald Bradman and reclaim the Ashes in the famous series.

One of his deliveries in the fourth Test hit Australian batsman Bert Oldfield in the head, fracturing Oldfield's skull.

The Nottingham-born former minor took 33 wickets during the series, but never played for his country again. He believed he was blamed for following his captain's orders.

Larwood migrated to Australia with his wife and five daughters in 1950.

Bradman, Australia's greatest batsman, said he had sent a message of sympathy to Larwood's family and said he had lost a good friend.

He said he never held any animosity to Larwood over his bowling in the Bodyline series, saying he only was complying with his captain's orders.

"His name will live in history as one of the greatest bowlers of all time and the fact that he made Australia his home showed his great love for this country," Bradman said in a statement.

Larwood played 21 Test matches for England between 1926 and 1933, taking 78 wickets at an average of 28.35.

Bradman had dominated Australia's 1930 tour of England, but the seeds of the Bodyline tactic were hatched on that tour when a fierce spell of bowling from Larwood in a tour game convinced Jardine that bouncers could unsettle Bradman.

The great Australian batsman's average was reduced to 56.67 during the series. His career Test average was 99.94.

Despite being in poor health for several years before his death, Larwood retained an intense interest in cricket.

He took the time to ring young England fast bowler Darren Gough during the Third Test between Australia and England at the Sydney Cricket Ground in January.

His contribution to cricket was finally officially recognized when he was awarded a royal honor last year, picking up his Member of the British Empire medal in a ceremony in Sydney.

In a rare interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in the 1970s, Larwood, who shunned the limelight, listed the reasons for his devastating success in the bodyline series.

"I was absolutely at my peak," he said. "I knew it, bowling out here, you drop your left foot, and it got me such a grip I could let the ball go yards faster than I could in England."

"I used to drink a drop of beer, and I think that helped me tremendously, although I don't like giving these ads out for the beer, it did me a lot of good," he said.

Funeral arrangements have yet to be announced. (AP, Reuters)

Wily vets seeking repeat for 49ers

ROCKLIN, California (AP) — With Steve Young and Jerry Rice leading a group of early reporting veterans, the San Francisco 49ers put their Super Bowl title behind them and began seeking another with their first training camp workout on Wednesday.

"Yes, we won the Super Bowl. But some people say, 'Are you guys satisfied?' We're not satisfied," said linebacker Lee Woodall, who was among the veterans in camp three days before the team's first scheduled full-squad workout.

"We want to win another one. That's the desire that this team has, to win a championship, to be where we were last year, to do it all over again."

The 49ers finished 13-3 last season and beat Chicago and Dallas in the playoffs before defeating the San Diego Chargers 49-26 for their record fifth Super Bowl title and first without Joe Montana.

"We're just trying to keep doing what we did last year," said Young, who won the regular season MVP and then repeated that in the Super Bowl when he threw six touchdowns passes. "I think everyone's focused."

And anxious to get back to work and maybe gain an edge over the competition.

"I'm trying to get a jump," said Rice. "The older you get, the smarter you get. I came in early to get myself ready."

Young, under pressure much of his career to live up to Montana's championship legacy, resumed work with a tremendous weight off his shoulders but that doesn't mean the pressure is off.

"Pressure is an interesting animal," Young said. "It's definitely changed its color, but it's still there. You still have to perform. We have a really high standard of play that we expect of ourselves. We can't drop that and there's a



BACK AGAIN — Jerry Rice jubilates after San Francisco win.

certain amount of pressure in that."

San Francisco's bid to repeat could be complicated by offseason changes, including the losses

of both coordinators to head coaching jobs elsewhere. Ray Rhodes went to Philadelphia and Mike Shanahan went to Denver, which will play San Francisco in

an exhibition opener Saturday and again August 6 in Tokyo.

Pete Carroll has replaced Rhodes as defensive coordinator and Marc Trestman, out of football the past three years, was hired to replace Shanahan as offensive coordinator.

Trestman inherits an offense that led the league in scoring last year but lost Ricky Walters, the team's leading rusher the past three seasons, to free agency.

Carroll will try to recapture a big-play defense that will be without its chief playmaker for at least half the season and may not have him at all. Deion Sanders won't play football until after finishing his baseball commitments with the Cincinnati Reds and the free agent hasn't decided whether to return to the 49ers or play elsewhere.

In the interim, the 49ers are working Marquez Pope, a free agent acquisition from the Rams, in the right cornerback position held down by Sanders last season.

Derek Loville and Derrick Moore, both career backups, are competing along with free agent Ricky Ervins for the right to replace Walters.

Second-year fullback William Floyd could see his role expanded and top draft pick receiver JJ Stokes could help make up for the loss of Walters' big-play abilities.

The coaching and personnel turnover is just part of the challenge in San Francisco's bid to repeat, and the 49ers are well equipped to handle it, Woodall said.

"Last year everyone thought the salary cap was going to cause a problem but the 49ers handled it. This season, we lost some people. We gained some people. You just have to adjust."

Givins can't wait for shot at Oilers

STEVENS POINT, Wis. (AP) — Ernest Givins caught more passes than anyone in Houston Oilers history. He went to the Pro Bowl twice. He lived a receiver's dream, working in the pass-oriented run-and-shoot offense with Warren Moon at quarterback.

Then, all of a sudden, he was deemed too old, too expensive and too small. With the wave of a pink slip, he was told his services were no longer needed by the team that has employed him for nine years.

It was an experience he won't soon forget.

"What keeps me going is I'm very bitter about what happened in Houston," said Givins, who was let go by the Oilers in May and signed with the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars as a free agent.

"Very bitter," he added with emphasis.

The Oilers had legitimate reasons for dumping their career leading receiver. He caught only 36 passes last year after eight seasons in which he logged at least 53 receptions.

Givins was set to make \$1.4 million. At 5-foot-10, 181 pounds, he was the kind of small, quick receiver who fit perfectly into the run-and-shoot, but Houston had decided to shift to a more run-oriented offense.

"People say, 'Oh, he had under 50 catches,'" Givins said. "But they never look at the whole picture. They never look at the quarterback struggle we had. They never look at the quarterback problems. They only look at the

individual. Well, that's fine and dandy. I can't control things that aren't in my hands."

Givins can't wait for Opening Day, September 3, when Jacksonville plays its first regular-season game against the Oilers. "It's already circled on my calendar," he said gleefully.

It almost sounds like Givins signed with the Jaguars when he found out they would be in the AFC Central with his old team. There will be another meeting in Houston on October 1.

Givins realizes he's in the sunset of his career. He would like to walk away from the game with the kind of honor befitting a man who has caught 542 passes in his career.

"Once I get to 32, it's time for me to do something else," he said. "I want to retire when Ernest Givins says it's time to, not when some other guy says it's my time to."

Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said Givins is starting to learn the Jaguars offense and hopes he'll bolster a receivers corps that includes Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard and a bunch of journeymen like Cedric Tillman, Willie Jackson and Mike Williams.

Givins has donned No. 2 with the Jaguars, even though he still wears a gold chain with an "81" hanging at the end. That was his number with the Oilers.

"This is my second team, my second chance to speak," he explained. "I'd like to carry this number for quite some time."

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Indurain all but wraps up fifth straight Tour title

Armstrong wins Friday's stage 'for Casartelli'

LAC DE VASSIVIERE, France (Reuters) — Miguel Indurain underlined his Tour de France supremacy by winning the 19th stage time trial yesterday, as he prepared in style for his coronation on the Champs Elysees today.

The Spaniard, increasing his already comfortable margin over Swiss Alex Zülle from almost three minutes to four minutes 35 seconds, removed any doubts that his rivals might have had of robbing him of a record fifth successive Tour victory.

Indurain, riding against the clock in typically metronomic style, his legs pumping relentlessly with the rest of his body practically motionless, crushed the field on the 46.5-km. Lac de Vassiviere circuit to win in 57 minutes 34 seconds.

Dane Bjarne Riis was 48 seconds behind in 58:22, with Tony Rominger of Switzerland third in 58:39.

When the race ends in Paris today after the flat 155-km. 20th stage from St. Genevieve des Bois, Indurain seems assured of joining three greats of cycling with five Tour wins — Jacques An-

quetil and Bernard Hinault of France and Belgian Eddy Merckx.

But he will be the first to achieve the feat in successive races and, with the domination he showed once again in this year's race, could well be the first to win a sixth Tour.

Indurain, who took the race leader's yellow jersey when he won the first major time trial of the Tour in Seraing, Belgium, at the end of the first week, has now gained victory in 12 Tour de France stages, the last 10 of them in time trials.

The final stage is traditionally a procession with a mass sprint finish on the Champs Elysees and yesterday's time trial was the last chance to jockey for position.

Zülle, who clocked 59 minutes 23 seconds to place sixth, consolidated his second place, while Riis fought off a challenge from France's Laurent Jalabert to remain third with the promise of a place on the victory podium.

Jalabert started the day just 27 seconds down on Riis, but the Dane, one of the revelations of this year's Tour, gained time throughout to add an extra cushion of 69 seconds on the French rider.

Jalabert's consolation will be the prestigious green jersey as points winner, while his compatriot Richard Virenque will take the King of the Mountains title.

On Friday, American Lance Armstrong drew strength from tragedy to win the 18th stage, making his victory with an emotionally charged gesture for his dead teammate Fabio Casartelli.

Armstrong, who had to dig deep into his reserves of stamina to make a solo break 29 km. from the end of the 166-km. stage from Montpon-Ménestrol, found a touching way to pay his respects to the Italian who died in a race crash three days ago in the Pyrenees.

Riding alone toward the finish, the Texan raised his arms, pointed repeatedly to the skies and blew kisses to show the crowd his victory was for his fallen teammate.

"I wasn't thinking about the finish or the heat or winning a bike race," the 24-year-old leader of Casartelli's Motorola team said. "I was thinking about Fabio Casartelli."

New Zealand's Campbell surges to British Open lead

Palmer takes farewell walk on historic Old Course

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — European tour rookie Michael Campbell made seven birdies and one unbelievable shot from a bunker on 17 yesterday for a bogey-free 65 and a two-stroke lead going into the final round of the British Open.

The 26-year-old New Zealander, who has five top-10 finishes on the European circuit, was three strokes better than anyone else yesterday and nearly nine strokes below the course average of 73.80 for the third round.

His round was made even more miraculous by a blast from a greenside bunker on the Road Hole within a half meter of the hole.

The shot, with Campbell facing double bogey or worse, put him at 9-under-par 207 going to today, two strokes better than Constantino Rocca of Italy and three ahead of Australian Steve Elkington.

John Daly, who won the 1991 US PGA Championship, and Corey Pavin and Ernie Els, the last two US Open winners, were

in position along with Japan's Katsuyoshi Tomori at 211 to put pressure on Campbell in the final round.

"I've been watching the British Open on TV since I was 12 years old," Campbell said. "Here I am leading the British Open after three rounds. It has a nice ring to it."

He wouldn't be leading if it weren't for a bit of luck and a brilliant blast. Campbell's approach to the 17th green landed in the back left corner of the Road Bunker, just 30 centimeters from the head-high, nearly 90-degree wall between the sand and the green.

Campbell had trouble getting a stance and it seemed impossible that he'd get the ball up high enough and quick enough to get out of the bunker. In fact, he didn't.

"It hit the wall about two feet below the top," Campbell said. But the ball bounced up instead of back, landed on the lip and trickled within a half meter from the hole.

Campbell broke into a wide smile, held both hands out to the side, palms up at shoulder length, and tipped his hat to the roaring gallery.

Later Nick Faldo and Ben Crenshaw would both need two shots to get out of the Road Bunker with similar but easier shots.

Campbell's run at the top came as the second-round leaders faltered.

Daly, Tomori and Brad Faxon started the day as co-leaders at 6 under par.

But Daly and Tomori both shot 73 to fall four behind Campbell, along with Pavin and Els, who both shot even-par 72.

Sam Torrance and Mark Brooks were five strokes back at 212, while Faxon shot a 75 and was at 213 along with Tom Watson, Vijay Singh, Barry Lane, Bob Estes and Brett Ogle.

Defending champion Nick Price was seven strokes behind Campbell, favorite Nick Faldo was nine behind and Greg Norman was 10 back.

On Friday, Arnold Palmer

took his last British Open walk on the historic Old Course that he helped to make famous.

The 65-year-old American who did so much to make the Open the huge success it is today bade a fond and restrained farewell to a vast, adoring Scottish branch of that famous body of golfing followers known as "Arnie's Army."

Palmer closed out his illustrious British Open career on the course where it began 35 years ago, when he finished second to Kel Nagle of Australia by one shot after the final round was postponed a day by heavy rain.

His departure on Friday was not the tearful occasion that his last US Open in 1994 was, when he wept openly at a news conference because of the emotion of the moment.

He did not want a repetition of that. "Don't ask me too many questions I can't answer," he pleaded to the press after his final putt went in for a par four and a round of 75, eight better than his opening 83. (AP, Reuters)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Falcons sign Morten Andersen

The Atlanta Falcons signed six-time Pro Bowl kicker Morten Andersen away from NFC West rival New Orleans. The Falcons agreed to undisclosed terms with Andersen one day after the Saints released him as a salary cap move. Reuters

Olajuwon allowed to play for US at Olympics

Hakeem Olajuwon, the Houston Rockets star and MVP of last season's NBA championship series, received approval from the world governing body of basketball on Friday to play for the US team at next year's Olympics in Atlanta. Olajuwon was born in Nigeria and played for Nigeria's junior national team, but FIBA said in a statement that Olajuwon would be allowed to play for the US since he became a citizen in 1993. AP

NFL approves Raiders' return to Oakland

NFL owners on Friday formally approved the move of the Raiders from Los Angeles back to Oakland for the 1995 season. The move was approved at a meeting of the owners in Chicago. NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said that the required number of 23 positive votes was reached, but would not reveal the exact voting. Reuters

Kanchelskis agrees to sign with Everton

Everton has beaten newly-promoted Middlesbrough in the chase for Manchester United's unsettled winger Andrei Kanchelskis. The Ukraine-born Russia international has agreed to join the English FA Cup winners in a four-year deal worth around £13,000 a week that will cost Everton a club record transfer fee of £5 million. Reuters

Gascoigne scores in debut for Rangers

Paul Gascoigne capped an impressive debut for his new club Glasgow Rangers with a goal in the 2-1 win over Danish side Brøndby in a friendly match on Friday. The England midfielder struck after 40 minutes, his right-foot shot from 10 meters going in off the post to give the Scottish champions a halftime lead of 2-0. Reuters

Esnaider returns to Real Madrid

Argentine striker Juan Esnaider signed for Real Madrid on Friday for \$5 million, two years after he left the club on loan to join Real Zaragoza. Esnaider, Zaragoza's top scorer last season with 16 goals, signed a five-year contract with the current Spanish champions. Reuters

San Diego gets CBA franchise

Pro basketball is coming back to the US's sixth-largest city — the CBA, not the NBA. The Mexico City Aztecs of the Continental Basketball Association announced over the weekend that they will relocate to the San Diego Sports Arena for the 1995-96 season. Aztecs owner Doug Logan said he had to move out of Mexico because of financial stress caused by the peso devaluation. AP

Braves give Cox two-year extension

Manager Bobby Cox, whose Atlanta Braves lead the NL East, was given a two-year contract extension Friday. Terms of the deal, which extend through 1997, were not announced. Cox, 54, managed the Braves from 1978 through 1981 and then returned June 22, 1990. The Braves are 452-321 (.585), the best record in the majors, since Cox returned as manager. AP

Networks to split '95 World Series coverage

The World Series matchup is set, at least in the broadcast booth: Bob Costas, Bob Uecker and Joe Morgan vs. Al Michaels, Tim Lincecum and Jim Palmer. The postseason became the Battle of the Network Stars when The Baseball Network said ABC and NBC will split the coverage.

Under the unique arrangement, forced when last October's action was wiped out by the strike, ABC will show Games 1, 4 and 5 of the World Series. NBC gets Games 2, 3 and 6. Who will show Game 7, however, is still undecided. AP

Kevin Mitchell returns to Japan

Kevin Mitchell was reported back in Japan on Friday after a controversial two-month hiatus his team hadn't approved. The former NL MVP, who was being paid the highest salary ever in Japanese baseball, was reported last week to have settled a dispute with the Fukuoka Daiei Hawks over a knee injury he cited in heading to California on May 24 for treatment. AP

Kerrigan attacker apologizes

The man responsible for hitting figure skater Nancy Kerrigan on her right leg 18 months ago left prison Friday, and said he was sorry for clubbing the US Olympian. Shane Stant, 24, emerged from San Juan Correctional Facility with a new high school diploma, a new ponytail and a new attitude.

"I'm really sorry for what I've done," Stant said of the attack. "I've kind of waited to say I was sorry to Nancy Kerrigan. I didn't think it would sound sincere if I said it before I got sentenced."



CAN'T STOP ME — New Zealand winger Jonah Lomu breaks through the Australian defense at Eden Park yesterday. (AP)

NZ defeats Australia in Bledisloe Cup opener

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (Reuters) — World Cup finalists New Zealand sealed victory over Australia by 28-16 in the dying minutes at Eden Park yesterday to win the first match of the two-test Bledisloe Cup series.

An inexperienced, new-look Wallaby side, playing without former captain Michael Lynagh and world record try scorer David Campese, appeared to have the game in hand when they led 16-15 with 10 minutes to go.

But some unwise options al-

lowed All Black hero Andrew Mehrtens to boot New Zealand to a 21-16 lead before a fine try just before the end by giant winger Jonah Lomu wrapped up the match for the home side by a flatter margin.

The prolific Mehrtens finished the match with five penalties, two drop goals — both from over 40 meters out — and one conversion.

The two sides ignored dreadful conditions, with storms frequently sweeping the ground, to give the crowd a game of high quality and fluid movement.

Australia, playing with the wind in the first half, led 10-9 at halftime thanks to a bullocking try by Willie O'Flahague in the minute before the break.

Australia took an early lead with a Matthew Burke penalty, but New Zealand responded with Mehrtens' first dropped goal followed by two penalties.

But then came O'Flahague's try, scored when he barged over after a series of drives by the pack, led Daniel Mann.

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NBA Hall of Famers blast players who seek union's end

NEW YORK (AP) — Four Hall of Famers assailed NBA players intent on dissolving their union, saying they are motivated by greed and ego.

Oscar Robertson, Bob Cousy, Dave DeBusschere and Bob Pettit — members of the National Basketball Retired Players Association — got together to discuss the NBA lockout and civil war within the union.

"Their greedy and destructive behavior makes me ashamed and a bit resentful that I played a role

in starting all this," said Cousy, who founded the union in 1955. "A small dissident group is trying to destroy something we've all — management and players — built a good living from."

The ex-players have their own financial interest in keeping the union whole. The proposed labor deal that the divided players' association failed to ratify included \$25 million a year in licensing money, a small portion of which was earmarked for pensions for pre-1965 retirees.

Hap. PT closes out Intertoto with draw against Strasbourg

ORI LEWIS

HAPOEL Petah Tikva ended its Intertoto Cup campaign with a goalless draw at home against group 11 leaders Strasbourg of France yesterday.

Strasbourg, which had already ensured qualification to the next stage of the competition, played without at least seven of its top players.

Petah Tikva had no chance of qualifying after registering a draw and three losses in its previous four matches.

Strasbourg had three wins and a draw in its four outings. There was only one incident of note in the first half. In the 23rd minute, Manor Hassan shot at the French goal, and Eli Abarbanel was unable to control the rebound.

The second half turned into a rougher affair, with Ophir Kopel being shown the red card by Cypriot referee Theodoros Kafalas.

In other news, Nejtvan Grayev of Maccabi Haifa has returned home early from his club's training camp in the Netherlands after agreeing to join Maccabi Petah Tikva on a one-year loan.

Grayev, the Israel under-21 international striker, spent most of last season on the Haifa bench.

With his prospects of gaining a first-team place this season looking no brighter, he agreed with the Haifa management to move to Petah Tikva — where a permanent place in the starting lineup looks much more certain.

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Parents want Weizman apology for Arad comment

THE parents of one of the Arad Festival victims have demanded an apology from President Ezer Weizman for blaming the stampede that killed their son on "the Americanization of Israeli society."

Michael and Nehama Peled of Beersheba, whose son Eitan was killed in the incident last Tuesday night, said yesterday they hold the festival organizers and the police responsible for the lack of safeguards at the festival that led to the tragedy.

"Weizman should apologize to us and to Eitan's friends for what he said," Michael Peled said on Army Radio. "He should investigate the matter before placing blame."

"Eitan and his friends are not an example of Americanization. Eitan was a child of this land, well-educated and well-man-

nered, who did everything with excellence.

"Next week he was to start working as a tour guide in the Negev. He was an example of the best of Israel's youth and not an American kid," he said.

Nehama Peled said the organizers of the festival and police were to blame for her son's death. "If I could find them and had access to them, I would shoot them."

"I was in Arad that night and I saw how police were trying to direct traffic. There was no way they could control all of the kids there. You would have had to be there to understand the disregard for life. It's only a matter of luck that a disaster like that didn't happen in previous years," she said.

The police team investigating the incident said over the week-

end that there were 90 policemen at the "Atarock" concert site, where the stampede occurred, who were expected to handle 20,000 people.

Ushers and private security officers were also on the scene.

"There was obviously an intelligence failure. We should have anticipated that a huge crowd would come to Mashina's farewell concert. We also did not properly assess the behavior of the crowd. We had expected a crowd of more solid [north Tel Aviv] youth as in past years. But we were apparently mistaken," a senior officer said yesterday.

He said there were not enough policemen at the site and they were not prepared for the spontaneous outburst of the thousands who had gathered at the gate.

Ro'i Schwarz, an organizer of the festival, said yesterday that police should have called in hundreds of reinforcements when they saw the number of young people arriving.

He blamed the police for keeping the gates closed, saying the organizers had wanted to open the gates and let everyone in even if they did not have tickets in the event that a big crowd gathered.

The Israel Police officially said there would be no response until the investigation is completed.

Meanwhile, Haifa Chief Rabbi Sha'ar Yeshuv Cohen compared the deaths of the two Arad festival victims to the deaths of the two young hikers murdered at Wadi Kelt on Tuesday. The two killed at Wadi Kelt were holy victims, while those at Arad died in

vain, he said on Friday at a meeting of rabbis from the US.

The family of Chen Yitzhak, 16, who also died in the crush, said over the weekend that police caused them anguish by telling them at first that the body of a female victim was not Chen's and that the body had already been identified.

Chen's brother, Joe, said yesterday that only on Wednesday was the family asked to go to Abu Kabir to identify the body.

He said the family searched in Arad "from sleeping bag to sleeping bag after the incident for Chen." Police said they were investigating the complaint and would give a full report.

On Friday, Chen, who lived in Los Angeles, was buried in Netanya, where she had been staying with relatives.

She was born in Israel but her

family emigrated to the US many years ago.

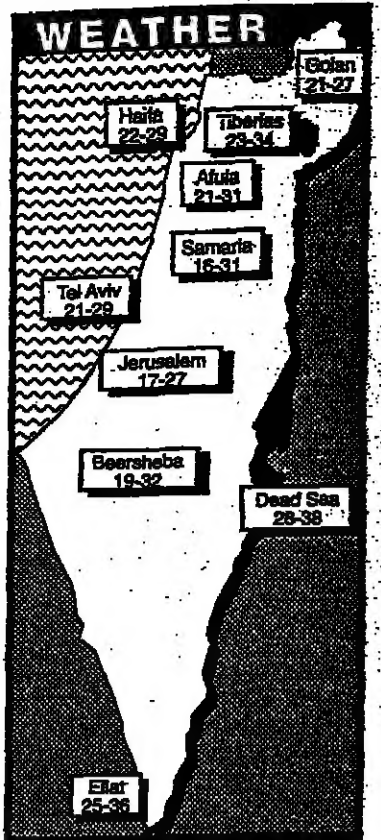
Her parents, Sarina and Marcel Yitzhak, and her sister Bat-El arrived on Thursday night for the funeral.

"She came to Israel to sing and to keep her connection with the land, and instead, she died," a relative said at the funeral.

At Soroka Hospital, the conditions of two girls, Nurit Keren, of Tel Aviv, and Tamar Farko, 17, of Kfar Sava, who suffered serious injuries in the stampede, improved considerably over the weekend.

They have regained consciousness and have been moved out of intensive care into the pediatric ward, where they are reported to be in good condition.

Fifteen-year-old Na'ama Alkarov of Rishon LeZion is still in very serious condition.



Israel, Jordan join forces for Bosnia

Jerusalem Post Staff

ISRAEL and Jordan will join forces to send humanitarian aid to Bosnian refugees, with planes due to depart simultaneously this week from Ben-Gurion Airport and Amman, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid confirmed yesterday.

Sarid, who is heading the operation along with Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, said he hoped the mission could set out on Tuesday, if it could be coordinated in time with UN forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The details of the joint effort were hammered out last Thursday in Amman in a meeting between Sarid, Hassan, a senior IAF official and other officials from both sides. Sarid's office said in a statement. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein formally agreed upon the mission during a weekend phone conversation.

Sarid said the planes would bring

medical equipment, blankets, food and clothing. He noted the project was initiated by King Hussein and that Israel was glad to join in the effort.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took part in a Jordanian TV telethon for Bosnia on Friday, and made a personal donation of \$3,000.

King Hussein claimed Friday that he was so fed up with Serbian military advances in Bosnia-Herzegovina that he was "willing to join" UN peacekeepers there.

In Gaza yesterday, the Palestinian Authority said it would withhold one percent of its employees' July salaries as part of a humanitarian aid campaign for war-stricken Bosnia.

A PA spokesman said in addition, donations for the aid fund would be solicited in churches and mosques in the territories "in spite of the difficulties the Palestinians are facing."



Asher Fahima, suspected of shooting at a border policeman during a bank robbery Thursday, is remanded in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday.

Two suspects charged in failed robbery of Tel Aviv bank

THE two men suspected of involvement in Thursday's attempted robbery of a Bank Leumi branch in Tel Aviv, in which a woman was wounded during an exchange of gunfire between a border policeman and the robbers, were remanded over the weekend.

Asher Fahima, 25, of Neveh Shalom - the area where the incident occurred - had his remand extended 13 days in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, while Yitzhak Hadif, 28, of Pardess Katz,

suspected of aiding Fahima after the robbery attempt, was arrested for another seven days.

The two were stopped and arrested while they were riding in a car. Police said Fahima fled the scene of the crime after being wounded, and sought help at Hadif's home. Hadif tried to treat the wound, but did not alert the police, and was therefore charged with interfering with an investigation.

The two denied the charges, with Fahima claiming that he nei-

ther tried to rob the bank nor shot at police. He said he was injured when he fell on some barbed wire.

Hadif's lawyer said Hadif had no idea Fahima was involved in the robbery, and if he would have known about it, he would not have driven around in a car with him.

The rash of bank robberies continued Friday when the Bank Leumi branch in Kiryat Ata was robbed of NIS 37,000 in cash by two masked men armed with pis-

tois. The two escaped in a car which had been stolen from its owner in Tiberias.

In Tel Aviv on Friday, a Burger Ranch employee was robbed of NIS 10,000 while on his way to deposit the money in the bank. The worker left the restaurant with the day's receipts in a briefcase, but was jumped by a man on Herbert Samuel Street, who grabbed the briefcase and escaped in a waiting car. No one was hurt.

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Eitan's unit murdered 35 Egyptians in 1956 - IDF study

ALON PINKAS

A PARATROOP battalion unit commanded by Rafael Eitan, later chief of staff and now an MK and leader of the Tsomet Party, murdered 35 Egyptian soldiers in October 1956, according to a study conducted by the IDF History Department, which will soon be published.

The study, "The 1956 Sinai War: Political and Military Aspects," was written by Dr. Moti Golan and was declassified by the army. Former chief of staff Ehud Barak authorized distribution of the study, the first of its kind ever

made public.

The study's main findings were quoted in Friday's edition of *Devar*. The study deals primarily with secret components of the Israeli-French cooperation and pre-war coordination. One revelation is that Israel secretly promised France that in return for French assistance, Israel would assassinate Algerian FLN leaders in Europe. This did not take place.

As for the POWs story, Golan

describes how, immediately after parachuting near the Parker monument (in the vicinity of the Mitla Pass), a battalion commanded by Eitan and a smaller unit commanded by Ariel Sharon were stranded and exposed to recurrent Egyptian air attacks. The battalion, the 890th paratroopers, took 35 prisoners upon landing. They were held in the unit's compound.

But after a short while, they were all shot dead. Golan quotes

Eitan as saying in a brigade debriefing that they were shot, "... because they started giving us problems and taunted the soldiers, telling them: 'Now you will be finished.' It was unpleasant. It also meant that three soldiers had to guard them."

Eitan did not deny the incident, but told *Devar* he does not clearly recall the debriefing.

"I do not remember what I said exactly. Maybe it's what I said. It was war, there were battles. We were stranded, isolated and encircled," he said in response.

Tami Ben-Ami dies of cancer

TAMI Ben-Ami, one of the country's most famous fashion models, died early yesterday morning of cancer at age 40.

Ben-Ami began her career more than 20 years ago, while still a soldier, as the house model for Gofex. She quit modeling about three years ago to launch her own cosmetics line.

Ben-Ami was suffering from the disease for the past two years. Journalist Ron Levy, a close friend of Ben-Ami's, said that at first, when she still believed she could beat the illness, she had preferred to keep it a secret, promising to publicize the matter after she got well.

Yehudit Gottlieb, one of the owners of Gofex, said Ben-Ami "raised the level of the modeling profession. She arrived as a novice, and ended up as a queen on the stage."



Ben-Ami was romantically linked to then Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball star Alon Perry, who visited her recently in the hospital while on a trip here. The media kept details of their meeting and her condition quiet, however.

Ben-Ami is survived by her five-year-old son, Bar. Funeral arrangements had not been finalized last night.

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PA BILL

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terrorism; abstaining from and preventing incitement to terror; not employing terrorists as police; extraditing terrorists to Israel; and complying with human rights norms.

AIPAC director Neil Sher, whose organization actively lobbied for an extended MEPPA that tightened PLO compliance while not shutting off US-PLO dealings, said yesterday that the organization is "supportive of this initiative, which enhances and strengthens MEPPA to make it an even more efficient vehicle to deal with PLO compliance on different issues."

"The fact it comes from Helms and Pell, [the] administration is supportive, [and] something the Israelis find supportive, is important," he said.

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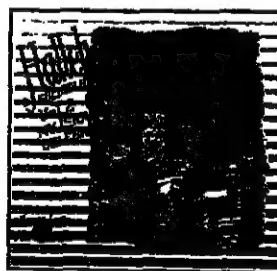
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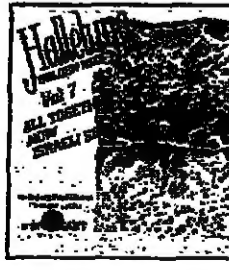
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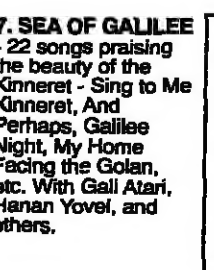
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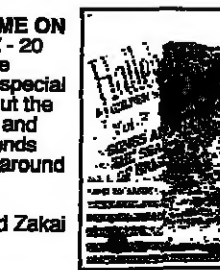
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